



Governing Body

309th Session, Geneva, November 2010

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FOR DECISION

TWENTIETH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Arrangements for the 15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting

1. According to the Rules for Regional Meetings, adopted by the Governing Body at its 301st Session (March 2008) and confirmed by the 97th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda. The Regional Meetings are in principle to be hosted in the country where the Regional Office is located.
2. At its 307th Session (March 2010),¹ the Governing Body therefore approved a proposal to hold the 15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting from 12 to 15 October 2010 in Bangkok and decided that the agenda for this Meeting would be to discuss, on the basis of the Director-General's Report, the ILO's action over the past four years in the region, including the evolving responses to the impact of the economic crisis, and the key challenges in attaining the goals of the Asia Decent Work Decade 2006–15, in order to set out future priority action for Asia and the Pacific.
3. At its 308th Session (June 2010),² due to unforeseen circumstances, the Governing Body decided to reschedule the 15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting to April 2011 and to authorize the Director-General to approach interested countries with a view to finding an alternative venue.
4. Following consultations conducted by the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the Government of Japan indicated its interest, by a memorandum dated 30 July 2010, in hosting the 15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting. It also indicated its willingness to provide a contribution in kind including conference facilities and equipment. A representative of the Government of Japan, Vice-Minister Ohta of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), then visited Geneva and reaffirmed to the Director-General Japan's interest in hosting the meeting and contributing to its successful organization.

¹ GB.307/16/5.

² GB.308/7/2.

5. In October 2010, a mission to Japan was organized by the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, with the support of the ILO Office in Japan. The Mission visited various conference facilities and identified the city of Kyoto as the most suitable venue after having taken into consideration all the factors involved.
6. While the facilities are available to permit the meeting to start either on 10 or 11 April 2011, the Government of Japan underlined that the Diet session would be in session during that period. In order to facilitate the highest level of representation on the part of the Government of Japan as host country, it would therefore be advisable that the Meeting open on Sunday, 10 April. Should this option be retained, the 15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting would start on Sunday, 10 April, with group meetings in the morning and the opening plenary session in the afternoon, and close on Wednesday, 13 April 2011.
7. *In light of the above, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the 15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting be held in Kyoto, Japan, from Sunday, 10 April to Wednesday, 13 April 2011.*

Geneva, 11 November 2010

Point for decision: Paragraph 7