



## Governing Body

309th Session, Geneva, November 2010

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**FOR DECISION**

TWENTIETH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

### Report of the Officers of the Governing Body

#### Additional information concerning the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

1. The Chairperson of the Governing Body received on 10 November 2010 a letter sent on behalf of the Employers' group of the Governing Body containing information about an armed attack on 27 October 2010 against four leaders of the Venezuelan Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Manufacturers' Associations (FEDECAMARAS): its President, Mr Noel Alvarez; its former President and substitute Employer member of the Governing Body, Ms Albis Muñoz; its Executive Director, Mr Luis Villegas; and its Treasurer, Mr Ernesto Villamil. Ms Muñoz sustained serious injury after being hit three times by the gunshot.
2. The information was put in the context of the complaint under article 26 of the ILO Constitution concerning non-observance by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), which was presented to the Governing Body at its 291st Session (November 2004).<sup>1</sup>
3. Considering this matter to be of urgent importance, the Officers decided to add this issue to the agenda of the current session pursuant to article 3.1.3 of the Standing Orders of the Governing Body.
4. *However, in light of the short period of time between the decision to include this item on the agenda and the end of the session, the Governing Body may wish to decide to request the Director-General to urgently communicate the letter to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for comments so that the Governing Body can discuss at its 310th Session (March 2011), in the light of the information provided to it, whether the complaint filed initially in 2004 should be referred as a whole to a Commission of Inquiry in accordance with article 26, paragraph 4, of the Constitution.*

Geneva, 17 November 2010

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4

<sup>1</sup> GB.291/17.