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Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

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Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Examine the Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), and Recommendation, 1982 (No. 166) (Geneva, 18–21 April 2011)

1. Further to the decision adopted¹ by the Governing Body at its 309th Session (November 2010), in order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General has approached the Governments of Australia, Brazil, China, France, Jordan and South Africa. The Governments of Botswana and Portugal will attend at their own cost.

100th Session of the International Labour Conference
(Geneva, 1–17 June 2011)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

2. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements, approved by the Governing Body, provide for their automatic invitation to the International Labour Conference, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Conference as observers:

- Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC);
- African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC);
- Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN);
- Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC);
- Centre Arabe pour l'Administration du Travail et de l'Emploi (ACLAE);
- Centre régional africain d'administration du travail (CRADAT);
- Council of Europe (CE);
- Commonwealth Secretariat (ComSec);
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB);
- International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI);
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
- Latin American Economic System (SELA);
- MERCOSUR (Mercado Común del Sur);
- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);

¹ GB.309/21, para. 13.

- Nordic Council (NC);
- Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC);
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC);
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU);
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

Workers' Symposium on Policies and Regulations to Combat Precarious Employment (Geneva, 4–7 October 2011)

3. The Programme and Budget for 2010–11 includes a provision for a Workers' Symposium on Policies and Regulations to Combat Precarious Employment. It is proposed that the Symposium be held in Geneva, from 4 to 7 October 2011.

Composition

4. It is proposed that, as foreseen in the programme and budget, the Symposium be attended by 40 trade union representatives, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body and coming from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and the Arab regions. Efforts will be made to ensure that at least 30 per cent of the participants selected are women, in compliance with the Workers' group's policy on gender equality.
5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

6. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
 - To analyse the reasons and driving forces behind the growth of precarious employment.
 - To examine the need for reducing precarious work in order to achieve a sustainable recovery and reduce inequality.
 - To explore the potential of existing international labour standards to limit precarious employment and to ensure that all employees enjoy full workers' rights.
 - To explore new policy and regulatory initiatives to combat precarious employment.
7. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for trade union leaders and legal experts to develop strategies to strengthen the capacity of trade unions to influence socio-economic policies and promote legislative initiatives at national, regional and international levels.

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- 8. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.***

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

- 9.** The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers:
- The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC);
 - Education International (EI);
 - The International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Union (ICEM);
 - Building and Woodworkers' International (BWI);
 - The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ);
 - The International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF);
 - The International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF);
 - The International Textile, Garment & Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF);
 - The International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF);
 - Public Services International (PSI);
 - The Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC);
 - Union Network International (UNI);
 - The International Federation of Workers' Education Associations (IFWEA);
 - Union Syndicale des Travailleurs du Maghreb (USTMA);
 - The International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU).
- 10. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers.***

Global Dialogue Forum on the Role of Private Employment Agencies in Promoting Decent Work and Improving the Functioning of Labour Markets in Private Services Sectors (Geneva, 18–19 October 2011)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

11. The Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Global Dialogue Forum as observers:

- International Organization for Migration (IOM);
- World Bank;
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

12. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Global Dialogue Forum as observers:

- UNI Global Union;
- The International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF);
- International Confederation of Private Employment Agencies (CIETT);
- World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES).

13. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Global Dialogue Forum as observers.*

Tripartite Meeting on Promoting Social Dialogue on Restructuring and its Effects on Employment in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries² (Geneva, 24–27 October 2011)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

14. The Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

² The recommendation of the Officers concerning the Chairperson is contained in paragraph 26.

- European Union (EU);
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

15. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- International Chemical Employers' Labour Relations Committee (LRC);
- International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM);
- European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG);
- European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers' Federation (EMCEF);
- Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD.³

16. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Meeting of Experts on the Code of Practice on Safety in the Use of Machinery (Geneva, 29 November–7 December 2011)

17. The Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health adopted by the 91st Session of the International Labour Conference (2003) called for the development of a code of practice in this area. At its 306th Session (November 2009), the Governing Body approved the funding of a meeting of experts,⁴ on the basis of a proposed composition of eight Government, eight Employer and eight Worker experts. It is now proposed that the Meeting be held from 29 November to 7 December, 2011.

Composition

18. In accordance with the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 306th Session (November 2009), it is proposed that this Meeting be attended by eight experts nominated after consultation with the Governments, eight experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and eight experts nominated after consultation with the Workers'

³ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

⁴ GB.306/PFA/9 and GB.306/9/1(Rev.).

group of the Governing Body. According to the established practice for meetings of experts, it is also proposed that this Meeting be chaired by an independent chairperson.

19. In order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, Japan, Malaysia and South Africa. Should any of those governments prove to be unable to nominate an expert, the Director-General would approach one of the governments of the following countries: Argentina, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Republic of Korea or Sweden.
20. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

21. The purpose of the Meeting is to examine and adopt a code of practice on safety in the use of machinery.
22. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

23. The Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- European Union (EU);
 - International Ergonomics Association (IEA);
 - World Health Organization (WHO).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

24. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- International Association of Labour Inspection (IALI);
 - International Organization for Standardization (ISO).
25. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Appointment of Governing Body representatives on various bodies

Tripartite Meeting on Promoting Social Dialogue on Restructuring and its Effects on Employment in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries (Geneva, 24–27 October 2011)

- 26. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint its representative, who would also chair the above Meeting. In accordance with the established practice, the appointment should be made from among the Worker members of the Governing Body.*

Geneva, 15 March 2011

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