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### FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Evaluation of the identification document for Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body

#### Purpose of the document

In response to a decision taken by the Governing Body at its 322nd Session (October–November 2014), the present document provides updated information concerning the identification document for Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body since its issuance in 2015 (see draft decision at paragraph 5).

**Relevant strategic objective:** All.

**Main relevant outcome/cross-cutting policy driver:** Enabling outcome C: Efficient support services and effective use of ILO resources.

**Policy implications:** None.

**Legal implications:** None.

**Financial implications:** The minimal cost of printing the identification document is to be absorbed by the Office budget.

**Follow-up action required:** Integration of identification document for Employer and Worker members into ILO headquarters access badge.

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**Related documents:** GB.322/LILS/1; GB.322/PV.



## Introduction

1. Following a first examination and discussion in March 2013, the Governing Body at its 322nd Session (October–November 2014) requested the Director-General to issue an identification document for Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body for the remainder of the 2014–17 Governing Body term and to evaluate the identification document's usefulness at the end of the Governing Body's current term.<sup>1</sup> The present document responds to that request.

## The document

2. Member States were informed on 30 January 2015 by the Office that a new identification document for Employer and Worker Governing Body members and deputy members would be issued and that it was intended to facilitate their access to ILO official meetings. The Office recalled that the identification document confirmed the holder's status as an elected member of the Governing Body and did not affect or modify existing rights and obligations of member States, nor did it constitute a travel or identity document. Further, it did not create any new privileges and immunities or extend existing ones.
3. Since March 2015, when the Office commenced delivering the identification document to Employer and Worker members and deputy members of the Governing Body, 61 of the possible 66 identification cards have been issued. Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body have therefore been able to use the identification document for the last six sessions of the Governing Body. To date, the ILO headquarters' Security Unit – which serves as the first point of contact for Governing Body members who may experience difficulties in gaining access to official meetings – has not received any requests for assistance.
4. The Office considers that the identification document of Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body serves a useful purpose and could be retained, preferably integrated into the ILO headquarters' electronic badge entry system. Since 2016, when the electronic badge entry system was modified for technical reasons, a separate electronic badge has been issued to each individual which permits them to gain physical access to the ILO headquarters building. By integrating the identification document into the electronic badge entry system, Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body will be issued a single card that serves both to confirm their status as members of the Governing Body and to permit them uninterrupted access to the ILO headquarters building.

## Draft decision

5. *The Governing Body requests the Director-General to continue to issue an identification document for Employer and Worker members of the Governing Body in the form previously agreed upon and to ensure that such an identification document be integrated into the ILO headquarters' electronic badge entry system.*

<sup>1</sup> GB.322/PV, para. 511.