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TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Complaint concerning non-observance by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela of the Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention, 1928 (No. 26), the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), and the Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144), made under article 26 of the ILO Constitution by several delegates to the 104th Session (2015) of the International Labour Conference

Addendum

Financial implications of a commission of inquiry

1. There is no financial provision for commissions of inquiry under article 26 of the Constitution in the Programme and Budget for 2018–19. Should the Governing Body decide to exercise its powers under article 26, paragraph 4, of the Constitution to appoint a commission of inquiry, financial arrangements will need to be made to enable such a commission to proceed with its work.
2. The procedures of such a commission normally involve initial sessions to settle procedural matters, travel by members of the commission to gather further information and a final session for the adoption of the commission's report. Resources will need to be provided for to cover the travel expenses, the production and publication of the commission's report, and for supporting staff, estimated at two Professional positions and one General Service position for 12 months. It is also proposed to make provision for the payment to the three

members of the commission of an honorarium of US\$350 per day. On the basis of the normal pattern of work, it is estimated that the cost of the commission will amount to some US\$756,701, comprising:

	US\$
Travel	72 200
Honoraria	31 500
Staff costs	588 600
Printing and translation	58 401
Miscellaneous	6 000
Total	756 701

3. It is proposed that the costs would, in the first instance, be financed from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2018–19 or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, in Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.

Draft decision

4. *Should the Governing Body decide to appoint a commission of inquiry concerning the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, it further decides that:*
- (a) *an honorarium at the rate of \$350 per day be paid to each member of the commission of inquiry; and*
- (b) *the cost of the commission, which is estimated at \$756,701, be financed in the first instance from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2018–19 or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, in Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.*