



THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Effect to be given to the
recommendations of sectoral
and technical meetings**

**(a) Meeting of Experts on Safety
and Health in Coal Mines
(Geneva, 8-13 May 2006)**

1. The Meeting of Experts on Safety and Health in Coal Mines was held in Geneva from 8 to 13 May 2006. It was chaired by Ms. May Hermanus, an external consultant.
2. The experts reviewed and amended a draft code of practice on safety and health in underground coalmines. They also made a number of recommendations for follow-up action by the ILO.
3. The experts unanimously adopted the new code of practice on safety and health in underground coalmines,¹ which will replace one adopted by a meeting of experts in 1985 (published in 1986), a set of recommendations for follow-up action² and a report of their discussion,³ as amended by the Meeting.
4. *The Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues may wish to recommend that the Governing Body:*
 - (i) *take note of the report of the Meeting of Experts and authorize the Director-General to publish the code of practice on safety and health in underground coalmines; and*

¹ MESHCM/2006/9.

² MESHCM/2006/10.

³ MESHCM/2006/8.

- (ii) request the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for the future work of the Office, the wishes expressed by the Meeting in the recommendations for follow-up action by the ILO.*

Geneva, 12 September 2006.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.