



SEVENTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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Tripartite Meeting on the Production of Electronic Components for the IT Industries: Changing Labour Force Requirements in a Global Economy

(Geneva, 16–18 April 2007)

Invitation of an international non-governmental organization

1. The Director-General proposes to invite GoodElectronics¹ to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.
2. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite GoodElectronics to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.*

Eleventh African Regional Meeting

(Addis Ababa, 24–27 April 2007)

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

3. In addition to the international non-governmental organizations already invited to the Meeting, further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 297th Session (November 2006),² the Director-General proposes to invite the following organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - East African Trade Union Council (EATUC); and
 - Southern African Trade Union Council (SATUC).
4. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

¹ Formerly the International Electronics Network.

² GB.297/21.

Tripartite Meeting to Examine the Impact of Global Food Chains on Employment (Geneva, 24–27 September 2007)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

5. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- Arab Labour Organization (ALO);
 - European Commission;
 - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
 - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
 - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
 - World Bank;
 - World Health Organization (WHO);
 - World Trade Organization (WTO); and
 - World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

6. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- International Union of Food, Agriculture, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF); and
 - Union Network International (UNI).
7. *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 Meeting as observers.*

International Symposium on the Role of Trade Unions in Workers' Education: The Key to Trade Union Capacity Building (Geneva, 8–12 October 2007)

8. The Programme and Budget for 2006–07 includes a provision for a Workers' International Symposium on "The Role of Trade Unions in Workers' Education: The Key to Trade Union Capacity Building". This Symposium is due to be held in Geneva from 8 to 12 October 2007.

Composition

9. It is proposed that, as foreseen in the programme and budget, the Symposium should be attended by 45 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.
10. 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.
11. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

12. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
 - to evaluate workers' education activities and identify workers' education needs at national, regional, and international levels: experiences, lessons learned, and the way forward;
 - to examine the role of labour education in implementing the Decent Work Agenda, and develop strategies to build and strengthen trade union capacity; and
 - to review the roles of workers' education centres and examine new methods and techniques in delivering labour education.
13. The Symposium will also provide an opportunity for labour educators and trade union leaders to develop strategies to strengthen the capacity of trade unions to influence socio-economic policies and development strategies at national, regional and international levels.
14. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

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:

- Building and Woodworkers' International (BWI);
- Education International (EI);
- European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC);
- International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU);
- International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM);
- International Federation of Journalists (IFJ);
- International Federation of Workers' Education Associations (IFWEA);
- International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF);
- International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (ITGLWF);
- International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF);
- International Union of Food, Agriculture, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF);
- Public Services International (PSI);
- Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC);
- Union Network International (UNI); and
- Union Syndicale des Travailleurs du Maghreb (USTMA).

16. *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 Meeting as observers.*

Symposium on the Labour and Social Aspects of Global Production Systems: Issues for Business³

(Geneva, 17–19 October 2007)

Composition

17. It is proposed that the Meeting be attended by representatives of 30 employers' organizations from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab region, nominated after consultation with the Employers' group of the Governing Body. Enterprises which are interested in following the meeting will be invited to participate as observers, at their own cost.
18. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics

(Geneva, 3–6 December 2007)

19. At its 289th Session (March 2004), the Governing Body endorsed⁴ a resolution of the 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians which called for the updating of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) before the end of 2007. The resolution requested that a meeting of experts be convened to evaluate and make appropriate recommendations on the results of the updating to the Governing Body at its 300th Session (March 2008). Consequently, it is proposed to hold a meeting of experts of four calendar days in December 2007 and a corresponding proposal concerning its financing is being submitted to the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee⁵ at the present session.

Composition

20. The Director-General proposes that the Meeting be attended by 16 experts nominated after consultations with governments, eight after consultations with the Employers' group, and eight after consultations with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. The experts nominated should be well acquainted with the items on the agenda.
21. In order to obtain the government nominations, the Director-General would approach the governments of 16 countries, the list of which will be communicated at a later stage.

³ The initial title of the Employers' meeting was Symposium on Managing Labour and Social Issues in Supply Chains: Challenges for Business.

⁴ GB.289/STM/6.

⁵ GB.298/PFA/14/2.

- 22. *Subject to the decision to be taken at the present session as regards the financing of the Meeting, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.***

Agenda

- 23.** The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the Meeting:

- Updating of the International Standard Classification of Occupations.

- 24. *Subject to the decision to be taken at the present session as regards the financing of the Meeting, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.***

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

- 25.** Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body as regards the financing of the Meeting, the Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- African Development Bank (AfDB);
- Asian Development Bank (ADB);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF);
- Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);
- Observatoire économique et statistique d’Afrique subsaharienne (AFRISTAT);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT);
- Technical Expert Group on International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD); and
- World Bank.

Meeting of Experts to Examine Instruments, Knowledge, Advocacy, Technical Cooperation and International Collaboration as Tools with a view to Developing a Policy Framework for Hazardous Substances

(Geneva, 10–13 December 2007)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

26. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented as observers at the Meeting:

- European Commission;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

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

- European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG);
- European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC);
- International Chemical Employers Labour Relations Committee (LRC);
- International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA);
- International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM); and
- International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA).

28. *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 Meeting as observers.*

**Appointment of an ILO delegation to the
50th Session of the IMO Subcommittee
on Stability and Load Lines and on
Fishing Vessels' Safety**
(London, 30 April–4 May 2007)

29. Further to the decision adopted at its 297th Session (November 2006)⁶ to authorize the Governments and the Employers' and Workers' groups of the ILO to each nominate a representative to participate, at no cost to the Office, in the work of the correspondence group and in the ILO delegation to the 50th Session of the IMO Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety (SLF 50), *the Governing Body may wish to appoint an ILO tripartite delegation, consisting of one member from each group, to participate in the work of the correspondence group and the above session of the IMO Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety.*

**Appointment of Governing Body
representatives on various bodies**

**Tripartite Meeting to Examine the Impact
of Global Food Chains on Employment**
(Geneva, 24–27 September 2007)

30. *The Governing Body may wish to appoint its representative, who will also chair the above Meeting. In accordance with the established practice, the appointment should be made from among the Government members of the Governing Body.*

Geneva, 23 March 2007.

Points for decision:

Paragraph 2;	Paragraph 18;
Paragraph 4;	Paragraph 22;
Paragraph 7;	Paragraph 24;
Paragraph 11;	Paragraph 28;
Paragraph 14;	Paragraph 29;
Paragraph 16;	Paragraph 30.

⁶ GB.2987/15.