
Appendix VIII

Communication sent to Governing Body members on 23 July 2020 for decision-making by correspondence on several topics

Dear members of the Governing Body,

The tripartite Screening Group met on 16 July 2020 to discuss outstanding matters relating to the agenda of the 340th session of the Governing Body, the agenda of the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference, as well as the programme and composition of official meetings. It recommended that a number of decisions be made without delay, in particular regarding the postponement of two official meetings scheduled for September 2020 and the election of the Governing Body Officers for the period 2020–21, in line with the same procedures followed in the previous consultations by correspondence.

At its next meeting scheduled for the end of August 2020, the tripartite Screening Group may recommend further decisions to be made by correspondence. The documents considered by the Screening Group and the minutes of its last seven meetings are posted on the [web page](#) of the 338th Session of the Governing Body, once they are approved by the Screening Group.

You are therefore kindly invited to reply to this message by indicating your response with respect to each of the following draft decisions recommended by the Screening Group. **To be accounted for, responses must be received by midnight (Geneva time) on Friday, 31 July 2020.**

Yours sincerely,

The Secretariat of the Governing Body

1. Draft decisions concerning the postponement of some official meetings

In the context of the COVID-19 epidemic and uncertainty related to the travel restrictions in many Member States, the Governing Body decided by correspondence:

- (a) *to postpone the Sixth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group from 14–18 September 2020 until a date in 2021 to be determined by the Governing Body at its 340th Session (October–November 2020) and to request the Office to continue its preparation of the sixth meeting and its follow-up of all previous decisions; and*

All GB members should indicate one of the following, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of response for the record:

Agree Do not agree but without blocking consensus Do not agree and block consensus

Regular GB members should also indicate their vote, to be counted in the event there is no consensus, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of vote for the record:

Agree Do not agree Abstain

- (b) *to postpone the Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services from 21–25 September 2020 until a date in 2021 to be determined at a later stage.*

All GB members should indicate one of the following, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of response for the record:

Agree Do not agree but without blocking consensus Do not agree and block consensus

Regular GB members should also indicate their vote, to be counted in the event there is no consensus, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of vote for the record:

Agree Do not agree Abstain

2. Draft decisions concerning the election of the Governing Body Officers for the period 2020-21

- (a) *The Governing Body elected by correspondence Mr. Heeralal Samariya (India) as Chairperson of the Governing Body for the 2020–21 period.*

All GB members should indicate one of the following, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of response for the record:

Agree Do not agree but without blocking consensus Do not agree and block consensus

Regular GB members should also indicate their vote, to be counted in the event there is no consensus, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of vote for the record:

Agree Do not agree Abstain

- (b) *The Governing Body elected by correspondence Mr. Mthunzi Mdwaba (South Africa) as Employer Vice-Chairperson for the period 2020–21.*

All GB members should indicate one of the following, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of response for the record:

Agree Do not agree but without blocking consensus Do not agree and block consensus

Regular GB members should also indicate their vote, to be counted in the event there is no consensus, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of vote for the record:

Agree Do not agree Abstain

- (c) *The Governing Body elected by correspondence Ms. Catelene Passchier (Netherlands) as Worker Vice-Chairperson for the period 2020–21.*

All GB members should indicate one of the following, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of response for the record:

Agree Do not agree but without blocking consensus Do not agree and block consensus

Regular GB members should also indicate their vote, to be counted in the event there is no consensus, and if they so desire, submit an explanation of vote for the record:

Agree Do not agree Abstain