TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

First report: Action to be taken regarding the appointment of the Director-General

1. The Governing Body will recall that the current term of office of the Director-General expires on 3 March 2004.

2. In accordance with article 8, paragraph 1, of the ILO Constitution, and article 17, paragraph 3, of the Governing Body Standing Orders, the Governing Body must elect a Director-General by ballot vote.

3. Article 4.6 of the Staff Regulations provides that “the appointment [of the Director-General] may be renewed for such further period or periods as the Governing Body may decide. No single extension shall exceed five years”.

4. Bearing in mind that the Director-General, in accordance with the usual practice, is appointed between one year and 18 months in advance of the expiry of the current term of office, and wishing to set a timetable which would allow the different groups of the Governing Body the necessary time for any consultations they may wish to undertake, the Officers propose to the Governing Body at its 284th Session (June 2002) that the question of the action to be taken regarding the appointment of the Director-General be included in the agenda of its 285th Session (November 2002) in order that the appointment be made during its 286th Session (March 2003).


Point for decision: Paragraph 4.