THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other financial questions
(a) Financial arrangements for a Meeting of Experts on Labour Standards in the Fishing Sector

1. At its 284th Session (June 2002), the Governing Body, in approving the programme of meetings for the remainder of 2002 and for 2003, decided to convene a three-day Meeting of Experts on Labour Standards in the Fishing Sector to be held in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 2003;¹ the composition of the Meeting was not decided at the time. The Director-General is proposing to the Governing Body at the present session that the Meeting be comprised of 24 experts (eight Government, eight Employers, eight Workers).

2. There is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2002-03 for this Meeting, and should the Governing Body approve the proposed composition of the Meeting, then financial arrangements would have to be made. The estimated cost of the Meeting is some US$85,000, which would cover travel and subsistence for the experts attending the Meeting as well as the cost of servicing the Meeting. It is proposed that the costs of the Meeting of Experts would be financed by cost savings identified in the provision made in the Programme and Budget for 2002-03 for sectoral meetings.

3. The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that should it decide to approve the proposed composition of the Meeting of Experts on Labour Standards in the Fishing Sector, the cost estimated at US$85,000, be financed from cost savings identified in the provision for sectoral meetings in Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2002-03.


Point for decision: Paragraph 3.

¹ GB.284/Inf.1.