EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

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Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

New appointment

1. In order to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Tan Boon Chiang, who resigned, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint the following person as member of the Committee for a period of three years:

   – Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar), Professor of Law, Judge and Vice-President of the International Court of Justice.

A short biography of Mr. Raymond Ranjeva is reproduced in Appendix I.

ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers

Reappointments

2. In accordance with the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 282nd (November 2001) Session to review the mandate of four ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint for a period of three years the following persons as ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers:

   – Dr. Ahmed El Borai (Egypt);
   – Ms. Nieves Confesor (Philippines);
   – Mr. Jean-Jacques Oechslin (France);
   – Mr. Robert White (Canada).

Short biographies of these four persons are reproduced in Appendix II.

Tripartite Meeting of Experts on the Fishing Sector
(Geneva, 13-17 December 2004)

Agenda

3. At its 290th (June 2004) Session, the Governing Body approved the holding of a Tripartite Meeting of Experts on the Fishing Sector to review and formulate provisions on accommodation and to deal with any other pending issues identified by the Conference Committee on the Fishing Sector of the 92nd (June 2004) Session of the International Labour Conference.
4. It decided accordingly that a proposal to finance this Meeting from the technical meetings reserve for 2004-05 should be submitted to its Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee at its 291st (November 2004) Session. ¹

Composition

5. Subject to the decision to be taken at the present session as regards its financing from the technical meetings reserve for 2004-05, ² the Governing Body agreed that this Meeting of Experts would be attended by six experts nominated after consultation with the governments, six experts nominated after consultation with the Employers’ group and six experts nominated after consultation with the Workers’ group of the Governing Body.

6. In order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General would approach the governments of the following countries: Canada, Chile, Japan, Norway, South Africa and Spain.

7. In addition to the governments of six countries that would be consulted to obtain their nominations, the governments of the following countries on a reserve list would also be approached: Denmark, France, Germany, India, Namibia, Portugal, Russian Federation, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States. The governments of these countries would be invited to be represented as observers at the Meeting at their own cost.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

8. 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:

– European Commission;
– Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
– International Maritime Organization;
– Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

9. Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body as regards the financing of the Meeting, the Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.

– International Association of Classification Societies;
– International Christian Maritime Association;
– International Collective in Support of Fishworkers;

¹ See GB.290/205, para. 4.

² GB.291/PFA/8.
10. Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body as regards the financing of the Meeting, 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.


Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

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

- European Commission;
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

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

- International Federation of University Women;
- International Metalworkers’ Federation.

13. 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.

Meeting of Experts to Develop Guidelines for Labour Inspection in Forestry (Geneva, 24-28 January 2005)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

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

- European Network of Forestry Entrepreneurs;
- Federation of Timber and Related Industries Workers’ Unions of the Commonwealth of Independent States;
- International Association of Labour Inspection;
- International Federation of Building and Wood Workers.

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.

Meeting of Experts to Develop a Revised Code of Practice on Safety and Health in the Iron and Steel Industry
(Geneva, 1-9 February 2005)

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

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

- European Association of Metals (Eurometaux);
- International Association of Labour Inspection;
- International Council on Mining and Metals;
- International Iron and Steel Institute;
- International Metalworkers’ Federation;
- International Occupational Hygiene Association;
- International Social Security Association.

18. 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.
Seventh European Regional Meeting
(Budapest, 14-18 February 2005)

Representation of the Republic of Korea

19. As the Republic of Korea will be hosting the Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting, scheduled in Busan from 10 to 14 October 2005, the Korean Government informed the Director-General of its wish to be represented at the Seventh European Regional Meeting by an observer delegation, in order to make itself familiar with ILO regional meeting procedures.

20. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body invite the Republic of Korea to be represented at the Seventh European Regional Meeting by an observer delegation.

Invitation of an intergovernmental organization

21. The Director-General intends to invite the Executive Secretariat of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.

Invitation of an international non-governmental organization

22. The Director-General proposes to invite the General Confederation of Trade Unions to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.

23. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the General Confederation of Trade Unions to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.
Appointment of Governing Body representatives on various bodies

Tripartite Meeting on Employment, Social Dialogue, Rights at Work and Industrial Relations in Transport Equipment Manufacture
(Geneva, 10-12 January 2005)

24. 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 Worker members of the Governing Body.


Points for decision: Paragraph 1; Paragraph 2; Paragraph 10; Paragraph 13; Paragraph 16; Paragraph 18; Paragraph 20; Paragraph 23; Paragraph 24.
Appendix I

Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar)

Raymond Ranjeva was born in Madagascar in 1942. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in law from the University of Madagascar, Antananarivo, in 1965, he received a Diplôme from the Madagascar National School of Administration (1966), a Diplôme d’études supérieures in political science from the University of Paris (1966), and a Diplôme d’études supérieures in public law from the University of Madagascar (1967). Mr. Ranjeva received his Doctorate of Law from the University of Paris II with a thesis on the succession of international organizations in Africa. He became agrégé of the Faculties of Law and Economics, Public Law and Political Science section in Paris in 1972.

Mr. Ranjeva has been a member of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) since 1991 and has served as the Court’s Vice-President since 2003. Before joining the ICJ, Mr. Ranjeva held numerous posts, including Conciliator at the World Bank International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (since 1970); member of the Malagasy delegations to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and the Law of the Sea Tribunal, the United Nations General Assembly (1979-90), the Non-Aligned Countries (1979), and the Francophone Summit of Heads of State and Government (1987). He was also head of the Malagasy delegation to the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in respect of Treaties, Vienna (1976-77) and a member of the Malagasy delegation responsible for negotiating the revision of the cooperation agreements with France (1973). He furthermore served as First Vice-President for Africa of the International Conference of French-Speaking Faculties of Law and Political Science (1987-91). Mr. Ranjeva was also a member of the National Constitutional Committee (1975) and a founding member of the Malagasy Human Rights Committee (1971).

Mr. Ranjeva has taught as a professor at the University of Madagascar, the Madagascar Military Academy, and at the Madagascar National School of Administration, and he has held a number of administrative posts, including First Rector of the University of Antananarivo (1988-90). He has also been an associate or visiting lecturer at several universities abroad, including the University of Aix-Marseille III, Bordeaux I, Paris I, Paris II, the Free University of Brussels, the Institute of Advanced International Studies, La Réunion and Burundi, and at the Hague Academy of International Law (1997).

Mr. Ranjeva is a member of numerous international and national professional and academic societies, and the author of numerous books, essays and articles.
Appendix II

ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers

Mr. Ahmed El Borai (Egypt)

Professor and Head of the Labour Legislation Department of the Faculty of Law, and Director of the Centre for Industrial Labour, University of Cairo. Member of the Committee of Experts of the Arab Labour Organization (ALO). Formerly representative of Egypt to UNESCO and consultant to UNDP, ILO and ALO. Author of books and articles in Arabic and French on labour law and labour administration. Degrees: Licence en Droit, University of Cairo; D.E.S. and Doctorat d’Etat (public law), University of Rennes (France).

Ms. Maria Nieves Confesor (Philippines)

Professor at the Asian Institute of Management for Public and Social Policy, Management, Conflict Resolution and Negotiation; Head, Panel of Experts to the Joint Congressional (Philippine Legislature) Commission Amending the Labor Code. Chairperson of Kybernan Group (international consultants for institutional reform and governance) and Strategic Options, Inc. Director/government representative of Philippine National Bank (for privatization), MetroBank of the Philippines, Philippine National Oil Company. Former Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, and Presidential Adviser on International Labor Affairs. Served as Chairperson of the ILO Governing Body. Chairperson of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and the National Wages and Productivity Commission. Consultant/external collaborator to the World Bank and ILO. Served as Chairperson of various national groups, ASEAN Labour Ministers’ Meeting. Degrees: Master in Public Policy and Administration, Harvard University; Master of Business Administration, Ateneo de Manila University; Bachelor of Arts, Maryknoll College.

Mr. Jean-Jacques Oechslin (France)

Retired; former Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE), Executive Secretary and Assistant to the Secretary-General of the IOE, and Director and Head of Section of International Social Affairs, French National Council of Employers. Served as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the ILO Governing Body, President of the 1998 session of the International Labour Conference, President of the European Community Social Commission of the Federation of Industry, and Employer spokesperson of the European Union Standing Committee on Employment. Degrees: Diploma and Doctorate in Law, Institute for Political Studies, Paris.

Mr. Robert White (Canada)

Retired; commenced his work life in a small factory and was elected as union workplace representative at the age of 17. President Emeritus, Canadian Labour Congress and former President of the Canadian Auto Workers’ Union. Has also served as President of the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Chairperson of the Commonwealth Trade Union Council; and Chairperson of the Human and Trade Union Rights Committee of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Degrees: Honorary degrees from York University; the University of Windsor; St. Francis Xavier; and University of Western Ontario.