



## SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

### **Reports of the Programme Financial, and Administrative Committee**

1. The Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee of the Governing Body met on 14 November 2001, chaired by Mr. A.L. Tou, Chairperson of the Governing Body. The Committee agreed that the Chairperson should act as Reporter for the two items of substantive business.

#### **I. Financial questions relating to the International Institute for Labour Studies (Third item on the agenda)**

##### **Programme and Budget proposals for 2002-03**

##### ***Authorization to accept contributions and gifts***

2. The Committee had before it a paper<sup>1</sup> containing the recommendations of the Board of the Institute on these two agenda items.
3. Mr. Blondel, on behalf of the Worker members, expressed support for both points for decision.
4. Mr. Botha, said that the Employers supported both points for decision, subject to their comments at the Board meeting concerning the Institute's Programme and Budget for 2002-03.
5. The representative of the Director-General (the Treasurer and Financial Comptroller), replying to a query from the representative of the Government of Namibia, confirmed that ILO practice was to classify meetings as normal activities under the regular budget. Only contributions for specific projects were regarded as being given for technical cooperation purposes.

<sup>1</sup> GB.282/PFA/3/3.

6. *The Committee recommends that the Governing Body endorse the programme and approve the budget for the International Institute for Labour Studies for 2002-03 as set out in document GB.282/PFA/3/1.*
7. *The Committee recommends that the Governing Body accept the contributions and gifts listed in document GB.282/PFA/3/2.*

## **II. Other financial questions** (Seventh item on the agenda)

### **Financial arrangements for the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization**

8. The Committee had before it a paper<sup>2</sup> proposing financial arrangements for meetings of this Commission in the 2002-03 biennium.
9. Mr. Blondel said that the Workers supported the point for decision.
10. Mr. Botha remarked that the cost of the Commission appeared to be quite high if staff costs were to be absorbed by the Office, and he asked whether it was usual for this Committee to consider a question which had in effect already been discussed by the Governing Body.
11. The Treasurer said that the proposal to establish a World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization had first been considered by the Working Party itself and had yet to be submitted to the Governing Body. Proposals involving expenditure were first referred to this Committee in accordance with article 22(3) of the Standing Orders of the Governing Body, which provides that:

The Governing Body shall take no decision regarding any proposal involving expenditure until that proposal has been referred in the first instance to the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee. The Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee shall make a report, including an estimate of the cost, and a suggestion as to the manner in which provision should be made for the necessary expenditure.

The recommendation by this Committee concerning financing arrangements did not prejudice any decision by the Governing Body to establish the Commission: but if the Governing Body did decide to do so, a proposal for financial arrangements was already available.

12. The Commission would be composed of 18 members, with the Officers of the Governing Body and the Director-General as ex officio members. The estimates in the Office paper did not include staff costs. The total of \$768,000 referred to estimates for two meetings in Geneva, individual visits to Geneva by commissioners, consultations in three regions, expert consultancies and other research, and lastly general translation, printing and distribution costs.

<sup>2</sup> GB.282/PFA/7/3.

13. Mr. Botha thanked the Treasurer for the supplementary information, which helped the Committee in its discussions. It seemed a rather fine point to distinguish between the Working Party and the Governing Body with the composition almost identical for both, but the Employers were prepared to support the point for decision.
14. *The Committee recommends to the Governing Body that, should it decide to establish a Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, the cost, estimated at \$768,000, be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2002-03; on the understanding that, should this subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.*

### III. Corrections

15. The following corrections to the reports are circulated.

#### First report: Financial questions

No corrections.

#### Second report: Personnel questions

*Paragraph 22:* Replace the second sentence with: “He proposed that the collective agreement on Personal Development Plans be reviewed by the Governing Body after a two-year period.”

*Paragraph 25:* In the last sentence, replace “Republic of Korea.” by “Republic of Korea, by considering the new scale of assessment for contributions as part of the recruitment criteria for the YPCEP and other ILO opportunities.”

*Paragraph 28:* In the seventh line, after “Eastern Europe).” insert a new sentence as follows: “As regards the consideration of the scale of assessment as a recruitment criterion, Mr. Wild agreed with the representative of the Government of the Republic of Korea and said that this would be done as soon as practicable.”

*Paragraph 42:* In the fifteenth line, replace “Europe);” by “Europe), the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO).”; in the seventeenth line, before “WHO,” insert “UN and”; in the last line, replace “short-term” by “fixed-term”.

*Paragraph 48:* In the third line, replace “rules” by “Statute of the Commission”.

*Paragraph 53:* In the fifth line, after “custom and law.”, replace the remainder of the paragraph by: “The document referred to types of partnerships such as cohabitation between unmarried couples and other unacceptable relationships. The ILO should not recognize these arrangements, and he could not therefore support the point for decision.”

*Paragraph 59:* Add another sentence at the end of the paragraph: “In the light of these comments he therefore wished to express his reservations about the Office paper.”

Geneva, 14 November 2001.

*(Signed)* A.L. Tou,  
Chairperson and Reporter.

*Points for decision:* Paragraph 6;  
Paragraph 7;  
Paragraph 14.