



SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Programme and Budget for 2002-03**Technical meetings reserve**

1. At the 280th Session (March 2001) of the Governing Body, the Committee considered the Director-General's Programme and Budget proposals for 2002-03.¹ In those proposals the Director-General noted that provision had been made within the technical meetings reserve for a total of nine technical meetings with resources specifically earmarked for two meetings, namely the 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians and the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health and that the Governing Body would be invited to decide on the subject and composition of the remaining meetings at a future session. Furthermore, two of the technical meetings are traditionally reserved for the Employers' and Workers' groups (Benefiting from Globalization: the Role of Employers' Organizations, and International Workers' Symposium on Decent Work in Agriculture). Also, in accordance with decisions of the Governing Body and the UNESCO Executive Board, the ILO has an undertaking to co-finance a meeting in 2003 of the Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART). More detail on these meeting proposals is set out in the appendix to the present document. It is proposed to finance these meetings from the technical meetings reserve.
2. At the same session, the Governing Body also considered the report of the 29th Session of the Joint Maritime Commission (JMC)² which had discussed the significance and impact of maritime labour standards and concluded that the best way forward in line with the integrated approach would be the adoption of a single "framework" instrument which would consolidate the existing body of ILO maritime Conventions and Recommendations. It had recommended that the ILO convene a preparatory meeting in 2004 for first discussion of the proposed new instrument, and that a maritime session of the International Labour Conference in 2005 adopt the instrument. The Governing Body at its 280th Session invited the Director-General to take note of requests of the JMC when establishing the future programme of work of the Office.

¹ GB.280/PFA/7.

² GB.280/5.

3. Further recommendations of the JMC concerned meetings to take place in 2002-03 in preparation for the maritime session of the International Labour Conference and its preparatory meetings in 2004 and 2005. These concerned two sessions, one in 2002 and one in 2003, of a high-level tripartite working group on maritime labour standards, a meeting of the subcommittee of the JMC and a meeting of experts on working and living conditions on international maritime registers. These are set out in the Appendix to the present document. At its 280th (March 2001) Session, the Governing Body deferred a decision on financial arrangements for these meetings until a later session.
4. In establishing the work programme for 2002-03 the Office has taken note of the requests of the JMC. It is proposed to finance these four meetings in preparation for the maritime session of the International Labour Conference in 2005 from the technical meetings reserve. The additional costs of the meeting of the subcommittee of the JMC and the Meeting of Experts on Working and Living Conditions on International Maritime Registers are limited to interpretation costs. As provision is made for interpretation costs for technical meetings in the Relations, Meetings and Document Services Department, these two meetings would require no further resources.
5. The estimated total budget for the meetings listed above amounts to US\$1,069,150. This is within the amount of the reserve for technical meetings in 2002-03 which is US\$1,385,177. A balance of some \$316,000 would remain available to hold further technical meetings, to be decided by the Governing Body, in 2002-03.
6. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that the cost of the following meetings estimated at \$1,069,150 be financed from the technical meetings reserve as contained in the 2002-03 programme and budget:*
 - *17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (\$126,000)*
 - *13th Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health (\$110,000)*
 - *Benefiting from Globalization: The Role of Employers' Organizations (\$160,000)*
 - *International Workers' Symposium on Decent Work in Agriculture (\$229,000)*
 - *Eighth Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) (\$77,000)*
 - *High-level Tripartite Working Group on Maritime Labour Standards in 2002 (\$183,280)*
 - *High-level Tripartite Working Group on Maritime Labour Standards in 2003 (\$183,870)*
 - *Subcommittee of the Joint Maritime Commission*
 - *Meeting of Experts on Working and Living Conditions on International Maritime Registers.*

Geneva, 25 October 2001.

Point for decision: Paragraph 6.

Appendix I

Selection of ILO technical meetings in 2002-03

17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) (\$126,000)

Objective: ILO constituents have at their disposal internationally comparable data, and internationally agreed and up-to-date guidelines on topics of labour statistics.

The ILO is under a commitment to hold the ICLS every five years; the last one was held in October 1998. The Conference will consider in particular Consumer Price Index and Labour Indicators.

13th Session of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health (\$110,000)

Objective: Advice on measures to extend protective coverage and to enhance the impact of internationally harmonized policies and programmes to improve safety and health with special attention to the most hazardous conditions at the workplace.

The joint ILO/WHO Committees are convened by the ILO and the WHO alternatively. The previous (12th) Session of the Committee was held at the WHO headquarters in 1995. The 13th Session of the Committee will consider in particular the strengthening of national programmes on safety and health at the workplace and the integration of occupational safety and health into broader concerns such as the environment, workers' health promotion and enterprise culture and management.

Benefiting from Globalization: The Role of Employers' Organizations (\$160,000)

Objective: Employers' organizations play a key role in enabling countries to benefit from globalization.

This symposium will launch a programme of national activities by employers' organizations based on partnerships and social dialogue to enable countries to benefit from development opportunities offered by globalization. The World Bank will be invited to participate in the meeting and its follow-up.

International Workers' Symposium on Decent Work in Agriculture (\$229,000)

Objective: Awareness raising and promotion of ILO standards in the context of the rapid globalization of agriculture.

Half the world's workers are found in agriculture and a significant percentage of them are women; however, such workers are often denied fundamental rights and Convention No. 141 on Freedom of Association for Rural Workers has not received widespread ratification.

Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) (\$77,000)

Objective: Report on progress made in applying principles in two international Recommendations on teachers, including high profile studies of social dialogue in education and academic freedom and employment security.

The ILO has a commitment to co-finance a meeting in 2003 of the CEART in accordance with decisions of the Governing Body and the UNESCO Executive Board.

High-level Tripartite Working Group on Maritime Labour Standards,

Second meeting (2002) (\$183,280)

Third meeting (2003) (\$183,870)

Objectives: Proposed single framework Convention on Maritime Labour Standards prepared so as to serve as a basis for discussion and adoption by a Maritime Session of the International Labour Conference in 2005.

Meetings arising from recommendation by the Joint Maritime Commission, approved by the Governing Body at its 280th Session (March 2001).

Subcommittee of the Joint Maritime Commission

Objective: Basic pay or wages for the “able” seafarers updated and guidance on the interpretation of the basic pay with a view to arriving at a recommended total minimum salary.

Meeting arising from recommendation by the Joint Maritime Commission, approved by the Governing Body at its 280th Session (March 2001).

Meeting of experts on working and living conditions on international maritime registers

Objective: Guidance elaborated for constituents on working and living conditions on international maritime registers.

Meeting arising from recommendation by the Joint Maritime Commission, approved by the Governing Body at its 280th Session (March 2001).