Additional item on the agenda

I refer to the letter of convocation, dated 31 January 2006, to the 95th Session of the International Labour Conference, to be held from 31 May to 16 June in Geneva.

In that connection, I wish to inform you that the Governing Body of the International Labour Office decided, at its 295th (March 2006) Session, to include on the Conference agenda this June an additional item entitled:

“Review of possible further action by the ILO in accordance with its Constitution in order:

(i) to effectively secure Myanmar’s compliance with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry, and

(ii) to ensure that no action is taken against complainants or their representatives”.

In June 2000, the 88th Session of the International Labour Conference adopted a resolution concerning the measures recommended by the Governing Body under article 33 of the ILO Constitution on the subject of Myanmar. This resolution concerns action to secure compliance with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry established to examine the observance by Myanmar of its obligations in respect of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29). At the forthcoming session, the Conference will have before it an analysis of all relevant options which the International Labour Conference could consider taking to ensure compliance with the Convention, or to draw, in any other appropriate way, the consequences of the situation.

The associated documentation prepared by the Office on the instruction of the Governing Body will be sent to you in due course and, like all other Conference reports and the Conference guide, will also be made accessible on the ILO website at the following address:


Procedural issues concerning the manner in which this matter will be dealt with will be determined by the Conference.

You are kindly requested to bring the information contained in this letter to the attention of the members of your national tripartite delegation.

Yours faithfully,

(signé)

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Director-General