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Resolution on strengthening the ILO’s capacity to assist its Members’ efforts to reach its objectives in the context of globalization *

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization, meeting in its 97th Session, 2008,

Having adopted, within the framework of the sixth item on the agenda, entitled “Strengthening the ILO’s capacity to assist its Members’ efforts to reach its objectives in the context of globalization”, a Declaration which may be referred to as the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization,

Recalling that the Declaration has a number of measures of a strongly promotional nature involving Decent Work and should bring benefits to ILO constituents as quickly as possible, and

Noting that it is important that work to enhance the capacity of the ILO proceed as soon as possible,

1. Notes that the provisions of the Declaration and its implementation should not duplicate the ILO’s existing supervisory mechanisms, and that its implementation should not increase the reporting obligations of member States;

2. Calls upon the Director-General to submit, as a matter of priority, an implementation plan to the Governing Body in November 2008 and, if the Governing Body deems necessary, a set of final proposals for its consideration at its next session thereafter, covering all the elements of implementation in the Declaration, including:

(a) the provisions of paragraphs A and C of Part II of the Declaration as well as the provisions of the Annex to the Declaration;
(b) without limiting the foregoing, the following elements:

I. Capacity and governance issues – concrete proposals on ways to:

(a) strengthen the research capacity, knowledge base, and production of evidence-based analysis, including ways to cooperate with other research institutions and external experts;

(b) ensure that the field structure review leads to a field presence configuration best able to respond effectively and efficiently to constituents’ needs;

(c) strengthen the coherence and cooperation within the Office and between headquarters and the field;

(d) strengthen human resources development and adapt it to the knowledge needs of constituents;

(e) adequately monitor and evaluate programmes and ensure the feedback of lessons learned to the Governing Body, including independent assessment;

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(f) improve the working methods of the Governing Body and the functioning of the annual International Labour Conference;
(g) adapt and review institutional practices, management and governance;
(h) monitor and evaluate the implementation of Decent Work Country Programmes (DWCPs);
(i) fully implement results-based management, including the full use of the IT systems; and

II. Recurring items on the agenda of the International Labour Conference – proposals on:

(a) the sequence and frequency of items recurring on the agenda of the International Labour Conference;
(b) relation of discussions of such items at the International Labour Conference to the Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work;
(c) relation to the Strategic Policy Framework;
(d) the role of the field structure;
(e) consolidation and streamlining of reporting by Members and the Office; and

III. Partnerships – proposals on cooperation with other international and regional organizations and with relevant non-state actors;

(c) in addition, due regard to the concerns of constituents, as expressed in the report of the Committee on Strengthening the ILO’s Capacity at this session of the Conference;

3. Considers that the Governing Body may wish to establish an appropriate and credible mechanism to implement such a programme in the light of the experience and lessons drawn from the positive experience gained in the discussion of this item at this session of the Conference, possibly by establishing a steering committee;

4. Notes its expectation that the outcome of this work will involve the most effective, efficient and economical use of resources possible, including identifying possible cost savings;

5. Decides that the steps taken pursuant to the present resolution will form an integral part of any evaluation by the Conference of the impact of the Declaration under Part III of the follow-up to the Declaration.