THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Deferred examination of Convention No. 158 (short survey)

1. In the context of the Working Party on Policy regarding Revision of Standards, a first examination of the Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), was undertaken in March 1997. This examination resulted in a decision to request information from member States regarding the obstacles and difficulties to ratification or on the possible need for revision of Convention No. 158. The Convention was re-examined in March 1998 in the light of the results of consultations held during 1997-98. After this re-examination, the Governing Body decided that a short survey concerning Convention No. 158 should be carried out.1

2. Following the Governing Body’s decision, Mr. Simon Deakin of the ESRC Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, was commissioned to carry out the requested short survey in his capacity as external expert with substantial international expertise. While the short survey has been carried out, consultations within the Office on some of the issues raised therein could not be concluded to permit finalizing the short survey in due time for the present session of the Governing Body. It will thus be submitted for examination by the Working Party at the 279th Session (November 2000) of the Governing Body.

3. The Working Party is accordingly invited to defer the re-examination of the Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), to its meeting during the 279th Session (November 2000) of the Governing Body.


Point for decision: Paragraph 3.

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1 GB.271/LILS/5(Rev.1), Appendix I to GB.271/11/2.