RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

(Geneva, June 1997)

I

Resolution to place on the agenda of the next ordinary session of the Conference an item entitled “General conditions to stimulate job creation in small and medium-sized enterprises” 1

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Having adopted the report of the Committee appointed to consider the fifth item on the agenda,

Having in particular approved as general conclusions, with a view to the consultation of governments, proposals for a Recommendation concerning “General conditions to stimulate job creation in small and medium-sized enterprises”;

Decides that an item entitled “General conditions to stimulate job creation in small and medium-sized enterprises” shall be included in the agenda of its next ordinary session for a second discussion regarding the proposed adoption of a Recommendation concerning general conditions to stimulate job creation in small and medium-sized enterprises.

II

Resolution to place on the agenda of the next ordinary session of the Conference an item entitled “Contract labour” 1

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Having adopted the report of the Committee appointed to consider the sixth item on the agenda,

Having in particular approved as general conclusions, with a view to the consultation of Governments, proposals for a Convention and a Recommendation concerning contract labour;

Decides that an item entitled “Contract labour” shall be included in the agenda of its next ordinary session for a second discussion regarding the proposed adoption of a Convention and a Recommendation concerning contract labour.

III

Resolution concerning the arrears of contributions of Cape Verde 2

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Having regard to paragraph 7 of article 10 of the Financial Regulations,

Accepts the arrangement proposed by the Government of Cape Verde for the settlement of its arrears of contributions due for the period 1993-96 to the effect that:

(a) in 1997, the Government of Cape Verde will pay in full its contribution for the year 1997;

(b) in subsequent years, the Government of Cape Verde will continue to pay its current contribution in full in the year for which it is due;

1 Adopted on 18 June 1997.
2 Adopted on 17 June 1997.
(c) the Government of Cape Verde will settle arrears that have accumulated up to and including 31 December 1996, amounting in total to 130,790 Swiss francs, by the payment of 20 annual instalments beginning in 1998, made up of 19 equal instalments of 6,539 Swiss francs and a final instalment of 6,549 Swiss francs;

Decides that Cape Verde shall be permitted to vote, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 13 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization, after the conclusion of the present business.

IV

Resolution concerning the arrears of contributions of the Dominican Republic

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
Having regard to paragraph 7 of article 10 of the Financial Regulations,
Accepts the arrangement proposed by the Government of the Dominican Republic for the settlement of its arrears of contributions due for the periods 1970-76 and 1985-96 to the effect that:

(a) in 1997, the Government of the Dominican Republic will pay in full its contribution for the year 1997;
(b) in subsequent years, the Government of the Dominican Republic will continue to pay its current contribution in full in the year for which it is due;
(c) the Government of the Dominican Republic will settle arrears that have accumulated up to and including 31 December 1996, amounting in total to 1,153,755 Swiss francs, by an immediate payment of 280,515 Swiss francs and by payment of five equal annual instalments of 145,000 Swiss francs and a final instalment of 148,240 Swiss francs, beginning in 1998;

Decides that the Dominican Republic shall be permitted to vote, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 13 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization, after the conclusion of the present business.

V

Resolution concerning the arrears of contributions of Djibouti

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
Having regard to paragraph 7 of article 10 of the Financial Regulations,
Accepts the arrangement proposed by the Government of Djibouti for the settlement of its arrears of contributions due for the period 1990-96 to the effect that:

(a) in 1997, the Government of Djibouti will pay in full its contribution for the year 1997;
(b) in subsequent years, the Government of Djibouti will continue to pay its current contribution in full in the year for which it is due;
(c) the Government of Djibouti will settle arrears that have accumulated up to and including 31 December 1996, amounting in total to 209,207 Swiss francs, by an immediate payment of 67,855 Swiss francs and the payment, beginning in 1998, of four annual instalments of 28,270 Swiss francs, and a final annual instalment of 28,272 Swiss francs;

Decides that Djibouti shall be permitted to vote, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 13 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization, after the conclusion of the present business.

1 Adopted on 17 June 1997.
VI

Resolution concerning the assessment of contributions of new member States

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
Decides, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Financial Regulations, that the contribution of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the ILO budget for the period of its membership in the Organization in 1996 and 1997 be based on an annual assessment rate of 0.01 per cent.

VII

Resolution concerning the scales of assessment of contributions to the budget for the 1998-99 biennium

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
1. Decides, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Financial Regulations, to adopt, for the assessment of the contributions of member States for 1998, the draft scale of assessments set out in column 3 of Appendix I to this report;
2. Requests the Director-General, through the Governing Body, to report to the International Labour Conference at its 86th Session on changes, if any, to the scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 52nd Session, and on all the implications for the ILO, including its earliest comparable application, taking due consideration of the established practice, taking into account the deliberations of its 268th Session and of the 85th Session of the International Labour Conference, and in accordance with the Constitution, Financial Regulations, related resolutions and decisions;
3. Reaffirms that the ILO scale of assessments should be based upon the latest available scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

VIII

Resolution concerning the management of the ILO Staff Pensions Fund

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
Recalling its resolution of 9 October 1946 by which it adopted revised Staff Pensions Regulations, under which, in particular, the Staff Pensions Fund became the property of the International Labour Organization to be administered for the purposes of the Regulations and managed by an Administrative Board,
Reaffirming the International Labour Organization's guarantee, in article 13 of the Regulations, of the payment of all annuities or capital sums due under those Regulations,
Considering that management by an Administrative Board is no longer justified having regard to the small number of beneficiaries and to the absence in recent years of any direct participation of the latter on the Board;
1. Decides —
(a) that the International Labour Office shall, under the supervision of its Governing Body, to which it shall annually report, henceforth have direct responsibility for the management of the Staff Pensions Fund and for the payment of benefits in accordance with the substantive provisions of the Regulations;

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1 Adopted on 16 June 1997.
(b) that the pension adjustment system for the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall continue to be applied to benefits due under the Regulations and that any subsequent improvements in that system shall be reflected in the payment of those benefits.

2. Hereby abrogates, without prejudice to operative paragraph 1 above, all provisions of the Staff Pensions Regulations that are inconsistent with the present resolution or with any decision that may be adopted by the Governing Body pursuant to it.

IX

Resolution concerning the composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Expressing its profound appreciation to Sir William Douglas and Mr. Edilbert Razafindralambo of the services which they have diligently and consistently rendered for 15 years to the international community;

Decides, in accordance with Article III of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, to appoint as judges of the Administrative Tribunal for a term of three years with effect from 1 July 1997 and, for the sake of uniformity, until 31 July 2000:

- Mr. Seydou Ba (Senegal);
- Mr. James K. Hugessen (Canada).

X

Resolution concerning the adoption of the Programme and Budget for 1998-99 and the allocation of the budget of income among member States

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization:

By virtue of the Financial Regulations, adopts for the 66th financial period, ending 31 December 1999, the budget of expenditure for the International Labour Organization amounting to US$481,050,000 and the budget of income amounting to US$481,050,000, which, at the budget rate of exchange of 1.46 Swiss francs to the US dollar, amounts to 702,333,000 Swiss francs.

Bearing in mind:
- that, in adopting the budgets of income and expenditure for the 65th financial period, the General Conference requested the Director-General to present proposals to the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee for adjustments to the budget of expenditure;
- that the Governing Body, at its 264th (November 1995) Session, accordingly agreed to make downward adjustments amounting to US$21,704,950;
- that, in consequence, if the budget of income is fully received, it is expected that there will be a budgetary surplus for the 65th financial period arising from the downward adjustments and amounting to US$21,704,950, which, at the budget rate of exchange for that financial period, would amount to 25,177,742 Swiss francs;

Resolves:
(a) that, in derogation from article 18 of the Financial Regulations, the said expected budgetary surplus of 25,177,742 Swiss francs shall be treated as budgetary income for 1998;
(b) that, in derogation from article 10.1 of the Financial Regulations, the remainder of the budget of income, denominated in Swiss francs, shall be financed from contributions from member States amounting to 338,577,629 Swiss francs in

1 Adopted on 16 June 1997.
2 Adopted on 17 June 1997.
1998 and 338,577,629 Swiss francs in 1999, allocated among member States in accordance with the scale of contributions recommended by the Finance Committee of Government Representatives for those years; and

c) that, should the said budgetary surplus be less than 25,177,742 Swiss francs, arrears of contributions received shall be used to finance the income budget for the 66th financial period, subject, however, to the resolution adopted by the General Conference at its 82nd Session (June 1995) concerning the utilization of arrears of contributions to cover budgetary deficits.
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