

**Understanding between the Government of the Union of Myanmar
and
the International Labour Office
concerning the appointment of an ILO Liaison Officer in Myanmar**

Considering, on the basis of the report of the ILO High Level Team (HLT) and the subsequent discussion of this report by the Governing Body of the ILO, that the establishment of continued and effective ILO representation in the country is essential to assist the Myanmar Government in its efforts to ensure the prompt and effective elimination of forced labour in that country;

Noting paragraph 6 of the conclusions of the Governing Body on the said report under which the Director-General of the ILO is requested to pursue the dialogue with the Myanmar Government in order to define the modalities and parameters of the ILO representation;

Recognising the desirability of maintaining momentum and opening a new phase in relations as soon as possible;

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of an ILO Liaison Officer in Myanmar by the Director-General of the ILO not later than June 2002, pending the establishment of an ILO presence capable of contributing effectively towards the objective defined in the first preambular above. The functions of the Liaison Officer shall be on the basis of the following principles:-

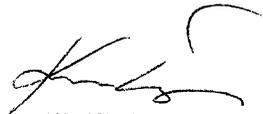
- (i) The functions of the Liaison Officer shall cover all activities relevant to the objective spelt out in the first preambular paragraph of the Understanding.
- (ii) The facilities and support extended to the Liaison Officer shall enable him/her to effectively assist in carrying out all the activities referred to above, and his/her status and privileges shall be the same as accorded to the officials of comparable ranks of the United Nations in accordance with the specific agreements and understandings concluded between the Government and the United Nations.

Detailed modalities concerning the appointment of the liaison officer may be worked out between the two sides.



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