



## FIFTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other financial questions****Financial arrangements for the funding of the ILO Liaison Officer in Yangon**

1. The Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector, through the Liaison Officer in Yangon, implements and follows through the decisions of the International Labour Conferences of 1999 and 2000 relating to Myanmar, under article 33 of the Constitution. The question of the Myanmar Government's response to the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry concerning the application of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), in Myanmar has been regularly reviewed by the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, the Conference Committee on the Application of Standards, as well as by the Governing Body, which have received full reports on the situation. In order to give effect to the Supplementary Understanding negotiated in February 2007, as approved by the Governing Body at its 298th Session (March 2007), financial arrangements will need to be made to enable the Liaison Officer in Yangon to continue this work.
2. The Programme and Budget for 2008–09 contains no provision for the Liaison Officer. Resources need to be provided to cover the salaries of the Liaison Officer and supporting staff, essential travel within and outside the region, and other general operating costs, such as office rent, communications, stationery, etc. The total cost is estimated at US\$1,442,728 for the biennium, of which some US\$888,528 can be covered through a redeployment of resources available to both the Sector and the Asian Regional Office. The additional resources to cover the cost of the Liaison Officer in 2008–09 will amount to US\$554,200. It is proposed that these costs would in the first instance be financed from funds raised as extra-budgetary resources or through savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2008–09 or, failing that, through the use of Part II.
3. *The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body approve the additional cost of operating the Liaison Officer in Yangon in 2008–09, estimated at US\$554,200, and that it be financed in the first instance from fund raising of extra-budgetary resources or, failing that, from savings in Part I of the budget or, failing that, through Part II.*

Geneva, 15 October 2007.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 3.