

**FOR DECISION**

## NINETEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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## **Eighth Session of the Joint ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers (Geneva, 21–24 July 2008)**

1. The Seventh Session of the Joint ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers took place in Geneva from 4 to 7 February 2008. At the end of the session, the Joint Working Group proposed to reconvene a meeting to continue and finish its work. It is therefore proposed that the Eighth Session of the Joint Working Group be held in Geneva from 21 to 24 July 2008.

### **Composition**

2. As agreed by the Governing Body in March 2006, this session would be attended by eight IMO representatives and eight ILO representatives (three Shipowners, one fishing vessel owner and four Seafarers), at no cost to the ILO.

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3. The revised terms of reference of the session, as approved by the Governing Body in March 2006, would remain unchanged.

### **Invitation of international non-governmental organizations**

4. In November 2007, the Governing Body agreed that the following international non-governmental organizations would be invited to be represented as observers at the Seventh Session of the Joint Working Group:
  - International Collective in Support of Fishworkers;
  - International Christian Maritime Association;
  - International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
  - International Maritime Committee.
5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the above international non-governmental organizations be also invited to be represented at the Eighth Session of the Joint Working Group as observers.*

## **Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Flag State Responsibilities under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006**

(Geneva, 15–19 September 2008)

## **Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Port State Responsibilities for the Inspection of Labour Conditions on Board Ships**

(Geneva, 22–26 September 2008)

6. In November 2007, the Governing Body decided that the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Port State Responsibilities for the Inspection of Labour Conditions on Board Ships and the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Flag State Responsibilities under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, should be held, one following the other, between 15 and 26 September 2008.<sup>1</sup> It is now proposed that the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Flag State Responsibilities under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, be a five-day meeting held from 15 to 19 September 2008, and the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Port State Responsibilities for the Inspection of Labour Conditions on Board Ships be a five-day meeting held from 22 to 26 September 2008.

### **Composition**

7. On the basis of informal consultations, the Director-General proposes that, for each meeting, a balanced tripartite group of experts be established as follows:
  - The Meeting of Experts on Flag State Responsibilities would be attended by ten Government experts, ten Employer experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and ten Worker experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group. Government representatives from the following countries would be invited: Bahamas, Egypt, Greece, Japan, Republic of Korea, Marshall Islands, Panama, Russian Federation, Philippines and the United Kingdom;
  - The Meeting of Experts on Port State Responsibilities would be attended by ten Government experts, ten Employer experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and ten Worker experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group. Government representatives from the following countries would be invited: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Liberia, Nigeria, Norway and South Africa.
8. In the light of the discussion<sup>2</sup> held during the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference, 2006, it is also proposed that other governments could attend both Meetings, at their own expense, as participating observers.
9. ***The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formulas.***

<sup>1</sup> GB.300/16, para. 30.

<sup>2</sup> International Labour Conference, 94th (Maritime) Session, Geneva, 2006, *Provisional Record* No. 3-1(Rev.).

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10. In November 2007, the Governing Body decided that the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Port State Responsibilities for the Inspection of Labour Conditions on Board Ships and the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on Flag State Responsibilities under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, should have as their purpose to adopt guidelines for the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

## Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

11. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meetings as observers:
  - United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea);
  - World Health Organization;
  - International Maritime Organization;
  - European Union;
  - Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
  - Acuerdo de Vīna del Mar (Latin American Agreement);
  - Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Asia–Pacific Region;
  - Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Caribbean Region;
  - Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Mediterranean Region;
  - Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
  - Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for the West and Central African Region;
  - Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region;
  - Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control.

## Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

12. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meetings as observers.
  - International Association of Classification Societies;
  - International Christian Maritime Association;
  - International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
  - International Maritime Health Association;
  - International Shipping Federation;
  - International Transport Workers' Federation.

13. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meetings as observers.*

**Appointment of an ILO tripartite delegation to the 51st Session of the IMO Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety (SLF 51)**  
(London, 14–18 July 2008)

14. Further to the decision adopted at its 300th Session (November 2007)<sup>3</sup> to authorize the Governments and the Employers' and Workers' groups of the ILO to each nominate a representative to participate, at no cost to the Office, in the work of the correspondence group and in the ILO delegation to the 51st Session of the IMO Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety (SLF 51), *the Governing Body may wish to appoint an ILO tripartite delegation, consisting of one member from each group, to participate in the work of the correspondence group and the above session of the IMO Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels' Safety.*

**Appointment of a Governing Body delegation to the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work and to the Safety and Health Summit**  
(Seoul, Republic of Korea, 29 June–2 July 2008)

15. The XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work will be organized in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 29 June to 2 July 2008. Since 1955, the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work has been convened every three years by the International Labour Office along with the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and hosted by a national occupational safety and health institution. The national host organizer for the XVIII World Congress is the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA).
16. This year, a Safety and Health Summit will be organized just prior to the opening of the World Congress. Ministers responsible for labour and/or health, business leaders, leading employers' and workers' representatives and leaders from important safety and health institutions will reflect on ways to stimulate political commitment and demonstrate that good occupational safety and health policies create a win-win situation for employers, workers and society at large resulting in a more prominent place for occupational safety and health on national and international agendas. The appointment by the Governing Body of a tripartite delegation would demonstrate the commitment of ILO constituents towards the promotion of occupational safety and health within the scope of the Decent Work Agenda. A more detailed outline of the Congress and the Summit are contained in the appendix.

<sup>3</sup> GB.300/16, para. 42.

- 17. *The Governing Body, subject to approval by its Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee of the corresponding financial arrangements,<sup>4</sup> may wish to appoint a tripartite delegation, consisting of one member from each group, to the above Congress and Summit.***

Geneva, 11 March 2008.

*Points for decision:* Paragraph 5;  
Paragraph 9;  
Paragraph 13;  
Paragraph 14;  
Paragraph 17.

<sup>4</sup> GB.301/PFA/11/1.

## Appendix

### **XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work and Safety and Health Summit** (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 29 June–2 July 2008)

The World Congress provides an excellent opportunity for political leaders, occupational safety and health practitioners, government officials, employers and workers and their representatives, as well as those interested in occupational safety and health not only to learn the state of the art in occupational safety and health, but to share information and practices.

In the past, the World Congress was a traditional congress where papers were presented with limited discussion. This Congress however is using a different strategy. A Summit will be organized prior to the opening where ministers responsible for labour and health, business leaders, leading employers' and workers' representatives and leaders from important safety and health institutions will reflect on safety and health at work as a basic human right and a means for economic growth and development, and ways to facilitate international technical cooperation on occupational safety and health to strengthen the preventative safety and health culture worldwide.

At its closure and just prior to the opening of the World Congress, the Summit will issue a declaration. During the plenary session of the Congress, the theme proposed by the Summit will be further explored. This will be followed by technical sessions and symposia related to the theme of the declaration. Finally, regional meetings will be held with a view to developing means of promoting the declaration, as well as the principles learned during the World Congress.

With this new format, the World Congress, starting in 2008, will strengthen its role as one of the two promotional flagships for SafeWork, together with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work. It will be a major means of stimulating commitment and promoting ILO values. The human and economic cost of occupational accidents and diseases remains very high and requires concerted action that builds on the important focus on safety and health at work and our Decent Work Agenda.

Throughout the Congress, ILO values, including the Decent Work Agenda, tripartism, gender equality, social dialogue and expanding the influence of the social partners, will be emphasized. There will also be a focus on the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187).