



## SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Effect to be given to the  
recommendations of sectoral  
and technical meetings****Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour  
Statistics: Child labour statistics and  
measurement of working time  
(Geneva, 1–10 April 2008)**

1. In accordance with the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 300th Session (November 2007),<sup>1</sup> the Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics was held in Geneva from 1 to 10 April 2008 as a preparatory meeting for the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) due to be held in Geneva from 24 November to 5 December 2008. Part I of the Meeting, on child labour statistics, was chaired by Mr P.K. Ray (India) and Part II, on the measurement of working time, was chaired by Ms A. Baldassarini (Italy).
2. Twenty-eight experts on labour statistics were invited to the Meeting: 14 were nominated after consultation with governments, seven were nominated by the Employers' group and seven were nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. Present at the Meeting as observers were representatives of two countries, as well as representatives of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations.
3. The report of the Meeting (in two parts) accompanies this paper.<sup>2</sup>
4. The experts reviewed the reports prepared for the two parts of the Meeting<sup>3</sup> and provided expert advice on each topic. Their views, recorded in the report of the Meeting for the

<sup>1</sup> GB.300/22.

<sup>2</sup> MELS/2008/III.

<sup>3</sup> ILO: *Report I: Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics: Child labour statistics*, Geneva, 2008 (MELS/2008/I), and ILO: *Report II: Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics: Measurement of working time*, Geneva, 2008 (MELS/2008/II).

consideration of the secretariat, will be used in the preparation of draft resolutions on child labour and on working time, to be submitted for approval to the ICLS.

5. The deliberations at the Meeting were considered to be a positive step towards responding to the current need for internationally agreed statistical definitions and methodology to measure child labour and the need to update and expand the existing international standards on the measurement of working time.
6. The experts also noted the need for, and supported further action on, child labour statistics as well as future work with a view to developing a set of best practices to measure working time concepts and a manual of working time measurement methodologies.
7. ***The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body take note of the report of the Tripartite Meeting of Experts and its expert advice concerning the preparation of draft resolutions relating to (a) child labour statistics and (b) the measurement of working time, to be submitted for approval to the 18th ICLS due to be held in Geneva from 24 November to 5 December 2008.***

Geneva, 1 October 2008.

*Point for decision: Paragraph 7.*