



FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Maritime matters**

**Proposal for the convening of the  
Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers  
of the Joint Maritime Commission  
(Geneva, 18–19 February 2009)**

1. It will be recalled that the Seafarers' Wages, Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships Recommendation, 1996 (No. 187) provides that: "The basic pay or wages for a calendar month of service for an able seaman should be no less than the amount periodically set by the Joint Maritime Commission or another body authorized by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office."
2. By a decision at its 280th Session (March 2001),<sup>1</sup> the Governing Body agreed to the establishment of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission at no cost to the Office which "should meet every two years, even if there was no budgetary allocation, for the purpose of updating the basic pay or wages of able seamen between sessions of the Commission and which should be composed of six Shipowner and six Seafarer representatives".<sup>2</sup>
3. It is therefore proposed that the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers be convened at ILO headquarters in Geneva on 18 and 19 February 2009. The agenda of the Subcommittee would consist of a single item: The Seafarers' Wages, Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships Recommendation, 1996 (No. 187): The updating of the basic wage of able seafarers. The report of the Subcommittee would be submitted directly to the Governing Body.

<sup>1</sup> GB.280/5, para 13.

<sup>2</sup> GB.280/5, para. 14.

- 4. The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that it approve the convening of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission at no cost to the Office at ILO headquarters in Geneva on 18 and 19 February 2009, as described in paragraph 3 above.***

Geneva, 1 October 2008.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.