

**FOR DECISION**

## THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Date and agenda of the International Labour Conference****Date of the 98th Session (June 2009) of the International Labour Conference**

1. At its 298th Session (March 2007), the Governing Body decided that the 98th Session (2009) of the International Labour Conference would be held in Geneva<sup>1</sup> but postponed a decision concerning the date in order to be able to take into account the decisions regarding the future format of the Conference to be adopted by the Governing Body at subsequent sessions, further to the recommendations of its Working Group on the International Labour Conference. Moreover, in recent years it has become established practice to decide on the date only once the dates of the World Health Assembly have been confirmed by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.
2. In November 2007, the Governing Body decided that the structure put in place for the 96th Session of the Conference in June 2007 should also be used for the 97th Session of the Conference in June 2008. In March 2008, the Governing Body further decided that its 302nd Session would be held on the afternoon of 13 June 2008, immediately after the closure of the 97th Session of the Conference. This latter decision was adopted, however, under the condition specified by the Working Group on the International Labour Conference that “such a decision would not prejudice any decision concerning the date of the Governing Body at subsequent sessions of the Conference”.<sup>2</sup>
3. The dates proposed for the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference in the programme of meetings for 2009<sup>3</sup> reflect the structure adopted for the 96th and 97th Sessions as well as the decision taken by the Governing Body as regards the date of its 302nd Session in June 2008. These dates also take into account the dates of the 2009 World Health Assembly, as adopted by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

<sup>1</sup> GB.298/2.

<sup>2</sup> GB.301/9.

<sup>3</sup> GB.303/Inf.1.

- 4. The Governing Body may wish to decide that the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference will be held from 3 to 19 June 2009, and to postpone until March 2009 the final decision concerning the date of its 305th Session in June 2009.*

Geneva, 24 October 2008.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.