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Improvements in the standards-related activities of the ILO

ILO standards policy: The establishment and the implementation of a standards review mechanism

Purpose of the document

In the present document the Governing Body is invited to authorize the continuation of consultations already begun on the establishment and the implementation of a standards review mechanism (see the draft decision in paragraph 3).

Relevant strategic objective: Promote and realize standards and fundamental principles and rights at work.

Policy implications: This document relates to the ongoing discussions on the international labour standards policy of the Organization.

Legal implications: Not at this stage.

Financial implications: Not at this stage.

Follow-up action required: The International Labour Standards Department shall arrange for the consultations as required under paragraph 3.

Author unit: International Labour Standards Department (NORMES).

Related document: GB.312/LILS/5.

I. Introduction

1. At its 312th Session, the Governing Body considered a document prepared by the Office entitled: “Improvements in the standards-related activities of the ILO – ILO standards policy: The establishment and the implementation of a standards review mechanism” and decided as follows:

The Governing Body, taking full account of the statements made, agreed to the establishment of a standards review mechanism (SRM) and invited further consultations on the modalities of the SRM with a view to identifying and resolving the concerns in relation to such a mechanism and to make a proposal to the Governing Body in March 2012 on the options set out in GB.312/LILS/5, bearing in mind the views expressed by the Governing Body members under this agenda item.¹

2. In accordance with this decision, consultations were initiated. While progress has been made during these consultations, the Office and the constituents consider that further consultations will be necessary before it is in a position to present a new document to the Governing Body for examination.

II. Draft decision

3. *The Governing Body invites the Office to continue the consultations already begun, including on the modalities of the standards review mechanism, and to make a proposal to the Governing Body at its 316th Session (November 2012) on the options set out in GB.312/LILS/5, bearing in mind the views expressed by the Governing Body members under this agenda item.*

¹ Document GB.312/LILS/5, paras 36 and 37, as amended.