



## **Additional agenda item**

### **Further information: Policy of other international organizations**

1. Since the publication of *Provisional Record* No. 2-1(Add.), more replies have been received in response to the Director-General's letter of 26 April 2012 requesting several international organizations to provide information on their current policies towards Myanmar, including measures that may treat Myanmar differently to any other State. These additional replies are summarized below.

#### **European Union (EU)**

2. On behalf of the EU, Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, stated that the EU has been following developments in Myanmar closely over the past year, not only the positive changes in the political arena and the ongoing efforts to achieve peace in the ethnic regions, but also the economic, social and human rights reforms. The EU's attention has been focused, in particular, on the new labour legislation, and the related ILO discussions with the Government. The EU has responded positively to the new situation and its current policy is set out in the conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council meeting held in Luxembourg on 23 April 2012. The conclusions foresee the suspension of restrictive measures, except for the arms embargo, and substantially increased engagement. While underlining its expectation of further progress in reform, the Council declared its support for Myanmar in the future and welcomed European companies exploring trade and investment opportunities. The importance of the highest standards of corporate responsibility was signalled. Moreover, the Council was willing to consider reinstating the generalized system of preferences (GSP) "if the required conditions are fulfilled, in particular those related with compliance of the Convention on Forced Labour".

#### **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**

3. The Technical Co-operation Bureau of the ICAO conducts technical cooperation activities in Myanmar aimed at the safety, security and environmental sustainability of civil aviation in the country and at facilitating the safe movement of international civil aviation overflying the airspace of Myanmar. Myanmar also benefits from various services through the Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme, the Cooperative Aviation Security Programme, the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel and the Flight Procedure Programme to Enhance Sustainable Instrument Flight Procedure Capability.

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## **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

4. Myanmar benefits from access to the IAEA's Technical Cooperation Programme, which focuses on the safe and secure application of nuclear technology for sustainable socio-economic development. This programme is based on an assessment of the development priorities and conditions in each specific country or region, requests from member States, the application of appropriate criteria for project formulation, and appraisal and formal approval by the IAEA Board of Governors.

## **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**

5. The FAO does not have any activity that could directly or indirectly abet the practice of forced or compulsory labour. Myanmar is treated in the same way as any other Member. As a general rule, the FAO follows the practice of the United Nations system.

## **Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)**

6. The ECLAC indicated that the issue of Myanmar was not part of its work programme.



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