



## Governing Body

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### THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Proposed operational plan for putting in place the MNE Declaration follow-up mechanism and promotional activities: Proposal to postpone discussion

#### Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to postpone until its 317th Session (March 2013) the review of the proposed operational plan for putting in place the MNE Declaration follow-up mechanism and the specified promotional activities (see the draft decision in paragraph 3).

Relevant strategic objective: All four strategic objectives.

Policy implications: None.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: None.

Follow-up action required: Finalization of operational plan for March 2013.

Author unit: Multinational Enterprises Programme (EMP/MULTI).

Related documents: None.



1. At its 313th Session (March 2012), the Governing Body requested the Office to prepare for its 316th Session, in consultation with the tripartite constituents, a proposed operational plan for putting in place the MNE Declaration follow-up mechanism and the specified promotional activities on the basis of the recommendations submitted by the Ad Hoc Working Group at that session.<sup>1</sup>
2. In order to have a comprehensive view of the cost and time implications of the Working Group's recommendations, the Office started preparing the questionnaire to be included in the proposed operational plan to be submitted to the Governing Body. As it was not possible to finalize the questionnaire in time for the November 2012 session it is proposed, in consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body, to postpone the discussion of the operational plan until March 2013.

### **Draft decision**

#### **3. The Governing Body decides:**

- (a) *to postpone until its 317th Session (March 2013) the review of the proposed operational plan for putting in place the MNE Declaration follow-up mechanism and the specified promotional activities on the basis of the recommendations submitted by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its 313th Session, in order to permit the Office to prepare the necessary proposal; and*
- (b) *to further suspend, until its 317th Session, the decision taken at its 258th Session (November 1993) to conduct surveys of the MNE Declaration every four years, in order to consider adoption of an operational plan for the follow-up mechanism.*

<sup>1</sup> GB.313/PV, para. 436.