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NINTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

Third Supplementary Report: Appointment of an Assistant Director-General

1. In accordance with the Staff Regulations, appointments at the Assistant Director-General level are made by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body. Upon entering their duties, an Assistant Director-General shall make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty before the Governing Body in public session.
2. After consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body, the Director-General has appointed Mr Heinz Werner Koller as Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, based in Geneva, at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 1 June 2014.
3. This appointment is communicated to the Governing Body for information. A brief statement concerning the qualifications and previous activities of Mr Koller are given overleaf.

Draft decision

4. *The Governing Body notes this appointment made by the Director-General, after having duly consulted the Officers of the Governing Body, and invites Mr Koller to make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty as provided under article 1.4(b) of the ILO Staff Regulations.*

Mr Heinz Werner Koller (Germany)

Appointed Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia at the Assistant Director-General level, based in Geneva, with effect from 1 June 2014.

Mr Koller studied law at the Universities of Regensburg and Augsburg, specializing in European and economic law, and has been licensed to practice law since 1989. During his studies he completed a solicitor traineeship in South Africa.

He began his career in the field of European integration in the Bavarian Ministry for Economic Affairs in 1990, moving to the European Commission in 1993. He was instrumental in setting up and managing the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange office (TAIEX). From 2000 to 2010, he worked for the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union.

In 2010, Mr Koller was appointed Director-General at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in Berlin, where he managed the Directorate General for European and International Employment and Social Policies and the European Social Fund. In this capacity he was also responsible for ILO relations. His main focus was on the development of a coordinated strategy on employment and social policies, together with European and international partners, to respond to the economic crisis. Notably, he was a G20 Sherpa, and was in favour of the firm establishment of a labour minister track in the G20 process. He also strongly supported the involvement of the ILO and other international organizations in the process.

Mr Koller's previous appointments consisted of senior management functions with staff and budget responsibilities, advising political leaders such as cabinet ministers.