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TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

First report: Arrangements for the Meeting of Experts on Sustainable Development, Decent Work and Green Jobs (Geneva, 5–9 October 2015)

Background

1. The Governing Body, at its 320th Session (March 2014), decided to recommend the organization of a meeting of experts On Sustainable Development, Decent Work and Green Jobs. It invited the Office to submit a proposal for the arrangements of such a meeting, including its intended outcome, composition, place and date, duration, costs and financing, to the 321st Session (June 2014) of the Governing Body.
2. The estimated costs of the proposed Meeting are as follows:

Item	Cost (Swiss francs)
Experts' travel	143 200
Interpretation and meeting operators	91 258
Translation and report production	66 627
Total	301 085 (US\$317 000)

3. The Programme and Budget for 2014–15 contains no financial provision for this Meeting. It is therefore proposed that these costs would, in the first instance, be financed from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2012–13 or, failing that, through the use of the Provision for unforeseen expenditure, Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.

Composition

4. The Director-General proposes that the Meeting be attended by eight experts nominated after consultation with Governments, eight experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and eight experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body.
5. In order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General would approach the Governments of the following countries: Brazil, Germany, Indonesia, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa, Turkey and United States. Should any of them fail to nominate a participant, the Director-General would approach the Governments of the following countries: Bangladesh, Denmark, France, Morocco, Peru, Senegal, Spain and Trinidad and Tobago.
6. As has been the practice in the recent past, the Director-General proposes to appoint, after consultation with the groups of the Governing Body, a knowledgeable independent chairperson.
7. Other countries who have an interest in the subject, would be able to attend as observers, at their own expense.

Agenda

8. The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the Meeting:
 - to review, amend and adopt draft guidelines based on a compilation and thorough review by the Office of experiences from country policies and sectoral strategies towards environmental sustainability, the greening of enterprises, social inclusion and the promotion of green jobs;
 - to distil lessons and good practices in respect of policy formulation in each of the nine policy areas identified in the just transition framework, through tripartite dialogue; and
 - to recommend ways to give practical effect to the guidelines in terms of their dissemination and practical application at the country level by constituents and adopt policy guidelines on a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all.

Proposed point for decision

9. The Governing Body:

- (a) *endorses, further to the recommendation of its Officers, the holding of the proposed Meeting of Experts, as well as its proposed composition and agenda;*
- (b) *decides that the cost of the Meeting, estimated at US\$317,000, be financed, in the first instance, from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2012–13 or, failing that, through the use of the Provision for unforeseen expenditure, Part II. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.*