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EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

New appointment

- 1. In order to fill the current vacancy, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint Ms Deborah Thomas-Felix (Trinidad and Tobago) as a member of the Committee for a period of three years.*
2. A short biography of Ms Deborah Thomas-Felix is reproduced in the appendix.

13th African Regional Meeting

(Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,
30 November–3 December 2015)

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

3. In addition to the international non-governmental organizations' invitations which were authorized at the 323rd Session of the Governing Body, the Director-General proposes to invite the World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES) to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.
4. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES) to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.*

Employers' Symposium on Global Supply Chains: Contributing to development and improved working conditions¹

(Bangkok, Thailand, 8–9 December 2015)

Composition

5. It is proposed that the meeting be attended by representatives of employers' organizations from 32 countries, including both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and the Arab region, nominated after consultation with the Employers' group of the Governing Body.
6. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

7. The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the Symposium:
 - The role global supply chains play in economic and social development.
 - The practical challenges for buyers and suppliers when addressing working conditions in supply chains.
 - The main lessons learned from supply chain management programmes over the past two decades and current trends.
 - How the ILO can best help its constituents in improving compliance and working conditions, including in export industries.
8. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Workers' Symposium: Decent Work in Global Supply Chains

(Geneva, 15–17 December 2015)

9. The Programme and Budget for 2014–15 includes a provision for a workers' symposium on decent work in global supply chains. The Symposium is due to be held in Geneva from 15 to 17 December 2015.

¹ The detailed plans for that Symposium can also be found in a separate document (GB.325/INF/2) entitled "Approved symposia, seminars, workshops and similar meetings", section I/24.

Composition

10. It is proposed that the Symposium be attended by 30 or more trade union representatives, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body and coming from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe (including Eastern and Central Europe), and the Arab States.
11. Efforts will be made to ensure that at least 30 per cent of the participants selected are women, in compliance with the Workers' group's policy on gender equality.
12. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

13. The Symposium will contribute towards outcome 10 by increasing the participation of workers' organizations in the development of social and labour policy. It will also explore how ILO constituents can contribute to the achievement of decent work for all in the global economy.
14. The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the Symposium:
 - To examine the recent trends and developments of global supply chains.
 - Analyse the impact of global supply chains on decent work outcomes.
 - Develop strategies for the effective governance of global supply chains.
 - Prepare for the general discussion on global supply chains due to take place during the forthcoming International Labour Conference in June 2016.
15. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

16. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers:
 - Building and Woodworkers' International (BWI);
 - Education International (EI);
 - European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC);
 - General Confederation of Trade Unions (GCTU);
 - IndustriALL Global Union;
 - International Arts and Entertainment Alliance (IAEA);
 - International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU);

- International Federation of Actors (FIA);
- International Federation of Journalists (IFJ);
- International Federation of Musicians (FIM);
- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC);
- International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF);
- International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Association (IUF);
- Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU);
- Public Services International (PSI);
- Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC);
- Trade Union Confederation of Arab Maghreb Workers (USTMA);
- Union Network International (UNI);
- World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU).

17. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers.*

Second meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (Geneva, 8–10 February 2016)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

18. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements, approved by the Governing Body, provide for their automatic invitation to the Meeting, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions:

- Abuja Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Black Sea Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Latin American Agreement on Port State Control of Vessels;
- Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;

- Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

19. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- International Association of Classification Societies (IACS);
- International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA);
- International Confederation of Water Transport Workers' Unions (ICWTWU);
- International Maritime Health Association (IMHA);
- International Seafarers' Welfare Assistance Network (ISWAN);
- Seafarers' Rights International.

20. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Ad hoc Tripartite Maritime Committee for the amendment of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185) (Geneva, 10–12 February 2016)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

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- Tokyo Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

22. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers:

- International Air Transport Association (IATA);
- International Association of Classification Societies (IACS);
- International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA);
- International Confederation of Water Transport Workers' Unions (ICWTWU);
- International Maritime Health Association (IMHA);
- International Seafarers' Welfare Assistance Network (ISWAN);
- Seafarers' Rights International.

23. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers.*

Points for decision:

- Paragraph 1
- Paragraph 4
- Paragraph 6
- Paragraph 8
- Paragraph 12
- Paragraph 15
- Paragraph 17
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Appendix

Ms Deborah Thomas-Felix (Trinidad and Tobago)

Judge Deborah Thomas-Felix, a national from Trinidad and Tobago, was born in 1962. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in international legal studies from American University, a Certificate of Legal Education (LEC) from the Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad and Tobago, and an Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) with distinction from the University of the West Indies. She has also obtained a Commonwealth Institute of Judicial Education Fellowship at Dalhousie University.

Since 2011, Ms Thomas-Felix has been President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago, which is the tribunal that deals with collective labour disputes. She has also been Judge of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal since 2014. She has held a number of legal positions – Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission, Deputy Chief Magistrate of the Judiciary of Trinidad and Tobago, and President of the Family Court of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. She also has experience in private legal practice.