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President: Mr Zniber

The President

We will now turn to the work of the Finance Committee of Government Representatives (Finance Committee). I refer to the Committee's report, which can be found in [Record of proceedings No. 4A](#). The report contains ten resolutions concerning financial and administrative matters, including a resolution on the adoption of the Programme and Budget for 2022–23 and the allocation of the budget of income among Member States.

I now invite the Chairperson and Reporter of the Committee, Her Excellency Ambassador Grata Endah Werdaningtyas (Indonesia), to present to us the work of the Committee and its report.

Ms Werdaningtyas

Chairperson and Reporter of the Finance Committee

I have the honour to submit to the Conference the report of the Finance Committee. This report has been published in [Record of proceedings No. 4A](#) and contains the recommendations of the Committee on the matters it considered. There are, in total, ten resolutions proposed by the Committee for adoption by the Conference, which appear at the end of the report.

A key item on the agenda of the Finance Committee was the Programme and Budget proposals for 2022–23, which had been recommended to the Conference by the Governing Body at its 341st Session (March 2021).

The Programme and Budget proposals for 2022–23 are being presented at a time of unprecedented crisis in the world of work and great uncertainty about the global social and economic outlook in the context of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The overall objective is to support the efforts of ILO Member States to achieve a human-centred recovery, guided by the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work and

consolidating the ILO's leading role in delivering the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Accordingly, the proposals operationalize the ambition of the ILO's Strategic Plan for 2022–25.

The expenditure budget for the biennium 2022–23 had been proposed on a zero-real-growth basis, identical in constant US dollars to the budget approved for 2020–21. Following the forward purchase transactions undertaken by the Office, the budget rate of exchange for 2022–23 was established at 0.90 Swiss francs to the US dollar and the expenditure budget at US\$852,760,200. In Swiss francs, the total amount due from Member States was established at CHF767,484,180, which represented an overall reduction of 4.5 per cent compared with the biennium 2020–21. The summary of the proposed expenditure budget for 2022–23 by appropriation line and the proposed summarized budget of expenditure and income for 2022–23 are presented in Appendix II to the report.

The Committee's first proposed resolution, the resolution concerning the adoption of the Programme and Budget for 2022–23 and the allocation of the budget of income among Member States is scheduled for a record vote immediately after the adoption of the Committee's report by the plenary. I would like to make a special appeal to you all – Governments, Employers and Workers alike – to give your full support to the resolution concerning the Programme and Budget for 2022–23.

The Committee also considered the proposed scale of assessments of contributions to the ILO regular budget for 2022, based on the United Nations scale, and recommended that the resolution concerning the ILO scale of assessments for 2022 – the Committee's second proposed resolution – be adopted by the Conference. A detailed scale of assessments of contributions by Member State for 2022 can be found in Appendix I to the report.

Based on the budget of income in Swiss francs for the 2022–23 biennium and the scale of assessments of contributions for 2022, a statement showing the contributions due for each Member State for 2022, including any credit applied where eligible, is presented in Appendix III to the report.

Owing to the deferral of the 109th Session of the Conference from 2020 to 2021, the Finance Committee had before it two sets of financial statements for consideration: the financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Committee notes with satisfaction that the financial statements were fully compliant with International Public Sector Accounting Standards and that the Office's External Auditor – the Commission on Audit of the Philippines – has given unmodified audit opinions for both years. Based on the positive recommendation made by the Governing Body, as recorded in the minutes of its 341st and 341st *bis* Sessions, the Committee had no hesitation in proposing that the 2019 and 2020 financial statements be adopted by the Conference in accordance with article 29 of the Financial Regulations. The texts of the resolutions – the Committee's third and fourth proposed resolutions – are included in the report.

In addition to the programme and financial matters mentioned earlier, the Committee also considered six draft resolutions on administrative matters that require approval by the Conference based on the recommendations made by the Governing Body at its past sessions. These are: a resolution concerning the dissolution of the Voluntary Thrift Benefit Fund for ILO officials; a resolution concerning the amendment of the Statute and the Annex to the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the

International Labour Organization, as well as transitional measures for the implementation of amended article III of the Statute; a resolution concerning the composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, including the appointment of four new judges for the term of five years each and the renewal of the appointment of two currently serving judges for a non-renewable term of seven years each; a resolution concerning the appointment of Conference representatives to the ILO Staff Pension Committee; a resolution concerning the proceeds from the sale of the ILO-owned land, plot 4057 located in Geneva; and a resolution concerning the proceeds from the sale of the ILO Brussels office.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Committee and also to the members of the Secretariat for the very efficient and smooth running of the Committee's sittings. I would also like to recognize the work of the interpreters, report writers and translators, who ensured the timely and accurate processing of documents on the Committee's agenda, as well as the report I am presenting today. With those remarks, I commend the report and its resolutions to the Conference for adoption.

The President

Many thanks, Madam, for this summary of the work of the Committee and of the resolutions it is submitting to the Conference plenary for adoption. If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference approves the report of the Finance Committee, paragraphs 1–45 and its Appendices I–III?

(The report – paragraphs 1–45 and Appendices I–III – is approved.)

We shall now proceed with the adoption, one by one, of the resolutions contained in the report, with the exception of the resolution on the adoption of the Programme and Budget for 2022–23 and the allocation of the budget of income among Member States, which will be subject to a vote later this afternoon after the examination of the first report of the Selection Committee.

Resolution concerning the scale of assessments of contributions to the budget for 2022: Adoption

The President

Let us begin with the resolution concerning the scale of assessments of contributions to the budget for 2022.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019: Adoption

The President

Let us move swiftly on to the resolution concerning the financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020: Adoption

The President

We now turn to the resolution concerning the the financial report and audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the dissolution of the Voluntary Thrift Benefit Fund: Adoption

The President

The Conference is now invited to consider the resolution concerning the dissolution of the Voluntary Thrift Benefit Fund.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization: Adoption

The President

We move swiftly on to the resolution concerning the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization: Adoption

The President

We move on to the next resolution in the report, namely the resolution concerning the composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the appointments to the ILO Staff Pension Committee (United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board): Adoption

The President

The next resolution in the report is the resolution concerning the appointments to the ILO Staff Pension Committee (United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board).

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the proceeds from the sale of the ILO-owned land, plot 4057 located in Geneva: Adoption

The President

I kindly ask that you now turn your attention to the resolution concerning the proceeds from the sale of the ILO-owned land, plot 4057 located in Geneva.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

Resolution concerning the proceeds from the sale of the ILO Brussels office: Adoption

The President

Last but not least, we turn our attention to the resolution concerning the proceeds from the sale of the ILO Brussels office.

If there are no objections, may I take it that the Conference adopts this resolution?

(The resolution is adopted.)

On behalf of the Conference, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the Finance Committee and to the members of the Secretariat who have contributed to the work of the Committee. I am aware that a great deal of effort and negotiation has taken place to ensure the adoption of the report and these resolutions. The Conference as a whole thanks you for your hard work and dedication.

(The Conference continues its work in plenary.)

Saturday, 19 June 2021, 1.10 p.m.

President: Mr Zniber

Resolution concerning the adoption of the Programme and Budget for 2022–23 and the allocation of the budget of income among Member States: Adoption

The President

The result of the record vote on the resolution concerning the adoption of the Programme and Budget for 2022–23 and the allocation of the budget of income among Member States is as follows: 369 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 6 abstentions. The quorum of 325 votes was reached, as was the required two-thirds majority of 247.

(The resolution is adopted.)

(The detailed results of the vote can be found on the Conference website.)

I think we should congratulate ourselves for the adoption of the programme of work of our Organization for the next biennium and for the approval of the budget necessary to implement such a programme of work. This programme and budget will allow us to fulfil the commitment expressed through the global call to action for a human-centred recovery from the COVID-19 crisis that is inclusive, sustainable and resilient, as well as the resolutions adopted throughout this session of the Conference.

(The Conference continues its work in plenary.)