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Second item on the agenda: Programme and budget and other questions

Second report of the Finance Committee of Government Representatives

1. The Finance Committee of Government Representatives met on 30 November 2021 during the resumed part of the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference. It was chaired by H.E. Ms Grata E. Werdaningtyas (Indonesia), who also acted as the Reporter.

Proposal for the funding of postponed 2020–21 meetings in the biennium 2022–23

2. The Committee had before it document [CF/D.5](#) on the proposal for the funding of postponed 2020–21 meetings in the biennium 2022–23.
3. It was recalled that, at its 343rd Session (November 2021), the Governing Body had approved by correspondence an Office proposal to use part of the projected underspending for the 2020–21 biennium, amounting to US\$3,312,842, to finance the holding of the meetings postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2022–23. ¹ A draft resolution was proposed by the Governing Body for adoption by the Conference.
4. The list of meetings and their corresponding estimated costs that was appended to document GB.343/PFA/5(Rev.1) is reproduced below.

¹ GB.343/PFA/PV/Draft, para. 47 and GB.343/PFA/5(Rev.1).

Official meetings budgeted for in 2020–21 and postponed to the 2022–23 financial exercise	Estimated cost (US\$)
17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting	629 811
11th European Regional Meeting	546 031
Meeting of Experts to revise the 1992 code of practice on safety and health in construction	252 000
Technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector	260 000
Meeting of Experts to produce joint ILO-IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers	255 000
Technical meeting on the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service sector	230 000
Total	2 172 842
Other official meetings postponed to the 2022-23 financial exercise	Estimated cost (US\$)
Part II of the fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended	400 000
Meeting of the Tripartite Working Group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains	260 000
Tripartite Meeting of Experts on decent work in the platform economy	230 000
Meeting of Experts for the tripartite validation of technical guidelines on biological hazards	250 000
Total	1 140 000

5. The Committee decided to recommend that the Conference adopt the following resolution:

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Noting that, for the biennium 2020-21, there is a significant projected underspending resulting from the cancellation or postponement of budgeted official meetings in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic,

Decides that, on an exceptional basis and owing to the unprecedented circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, part of the projected underspending for 2020–21, in the amount of US\$3,312,842, be used to finance the holding in 2022 or 2023 of meetings postponed from the biennium 2020–21, as listed in the appendix to document GB.343/PFA/5(Rev.1);

Notes that, with the above appropriation, the amount available for the 2020–21 financial period under article 18.2 of the Financial Regulations for reducing the assessed contributions of Member States will have been reduced by the same amount, expressed in Swiss francs; and

Delegates to the Governing Body the authority to deal with any residual financial issues arising out of the holding of these meetings.

Geneva, 1 December 2021

(Signed) G.E. Werdaningtyas
Chairperson and Reporter