



NINTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Choice of Conventions and Recommendations on which reports should be requested in 2003 under article 19 of the Constitution

1. The Committee is called upon to make proposals to the Governing Body regarding the choice of Conventions and Recommendations on which governments might be requested to supply reports in 2003 under article 19, paragraphs 5(e), 6(d) and 7(b), of the Constitution. These provisions require member States to report “at appropriate intervals, as requested by the Governing Body” on non-ratified Conventions and Recommendations, indicating in their reports the extent to which effect has been given or is proposed to be given to those instruments. The practice followed by the Governing Body is to select instruments for reporting under article 19 for two consecutive years. Accordingly, the Office submitted to the Governing Body at its 279th Session (November 2000) a paper on the choice of Conventions and Recommendations on which reports should be requested in 2002 and 2003 under article 19 of the Constitution.¹ On the basis of the Office proposals, the Governing Body selected the instruments on which reports should be submitted in 2002 and decided to defer until its present session the examination of the issue of the subject-matters upon which reports should be requested in 2003 in the light of discussions concerning possible improvements in ILO standards-related activities.²
2. The discussions held in November 2000 on possible improvements in ILO standards-related activities led the Governing Body to adopt an integrated approach to such activities, based in particular on families of standards.³ This decision raises the issue of the possible impact of the adoption of the integrated approach on the form and content of general surveys carried out by the Committee of Experts. As it seems appropriate to examine this question prior to proposing new subjects for general surveys, it is therefore proposed to postpone taking a decision on the instruments on which reports should be requested in

¹ GB.279/LILS/7.

² GB.279/11/2.

³ GB.279/4.

2003 under article 19 of the Constitution until the November session of the Governing Body. The Committee would still be able to adopt the report form for these reports at the following session of the Governing Body in March 2002, in accordance with its regular practice of adopting the report forms for such reports at the March session of the Governing Body of the year preceding the one during which these reports are requested.

3. Against this background, *the Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body decide to defer until its 282nd Session (November 2001) the issue of examining the choice of instruments on which reports should be requested in 2003 under article 19 of the Constitution in the light of an analysis of the possible impact of the integrated approach on the form and content of general surveys.*

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Point for decision: Paragraph 3.