



NINTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other financial questions**Governing Body representation at international conferences**

1. The Governing Body will have before it at its present session a proposal from its Officers to appoint tripartite delegations consisting of one member from each group to attend the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance to be held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 7 September 2001, and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001.
2. There is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2000-01 for these delegations, the costs of which would include travel expenses and subsistence allowances. It is estimated that the maximum cost of these delegations would be some US\$38,000, although the final cost would depend on the country of residence of each member of the delegations. It is proposed that this cost would in the first instance be financed by savings that could arise under Part I of the budget on the understanding that should it subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.
3. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that, should it decide to appoint tripartite delegations to attend the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance to be held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 7 September 2001, and the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001, the maximum cost, estimated at US\$38,000, be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the budget on the understanding that should it subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.*

Geneva, 21 March 2001.

Point for decision: Paragraph 3.