



FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Revision of the Rules for Regional Meetings

1. At the 280th Session of the Governing Body (March 2000), the Committee was asked to examine an assessment of the Rules for Regional Meetings¹ with a view to the possible submission to the 89th Session of the International Labour Conference (June 2001), for its confirmation, of a definitive version of the Rules, as revised in the light of the experience acquired since their adoption on an experimental basis in 1996. The Committee, considering that further consultations were necessary before it could propose a final text of the Rules to the Conference, decided to postpone examination of the matter until the present session of the Governing Body.²
2. However, the Office considers that it would be preferable to defer this examination again to March 2002. This is because the Committee during its present session faces a particularly heavy workload, while the Governing Body still has time during its March 2002 session to recommend to the Conference in its 90th Session (June 2002) that it confirm a revised text of the Rules for Regional Meetings, particularly given that the next Regional Meeting (the Fifteenth American Regional Meeting) will not take place until December 2002. The additional time available should also enable the groups to carry out the necessary regional consultations and to transmit to the Office their observations on the proposals contained in document GB.280/LILS/1(Corr.) so that they can be taken into consideration for the purpose of the document which the Office will be required to present to the Governing Body at its session in March 2002.

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¹ GB.280/LILS/1(Corr.).

² GB.280/12/1.