



## SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

### Approval of the minutes of the 286th Session of the Governing Body

1. The draft minutes of the 286th Session were distributed to allow members who wished to make corrections to submit these to the Office.
2. At midday on 16 June 2003, the following corrections had been received:

*Last paragraph, page VI/4.*

After the words “A Worker member from Sweden”, insert the phrase: “speaking on behalf of the Workers’ group”.

*Third paragraph, page VI/5.*

In the second sentence, replace “Guatemala” with “China”.

*Fifth paragraph, page VI/6.*

At the end of the paragraph, add the sentence: “Violations of freedom of association occurred in both developed and developing countries. The ILO and its supervisory bodies should work to secure universal respect for freedom of association wherever violations took place.”

*Last paragraph, page VI/6, continuing on page 7.*

Replace the paragraph as follows: “A Government representative of Venezuela said that, if the report were viewed against that of November, it would reveal the progress made by Venezuela. Firstly, Case No. 1986 (SINTRAFUNDARTE) had been concluded and definitively closed, and the complaint made by the Latin American Central of Workers (CLAT), noted in the Committee’s 299th Report, had been withdrawn, which marked the closing of Case No. 2202. The variety of cases referring to Venezuela showed that there were many trade unions, although the majority of those mentioned were not members of the Venezuelan Workers Confederation (CTV), contrary to the allegations made. These cases had been presented by certain organizations linked to human rights non-governmental organizations and not to the CTV, whose interests were not those of the majority, and which did not contribute to the development of Latin American countries. These representations culminated in the erroneous idea that there was a single union in Venezuela.”

*Sixth paragraph, page VI/8.*

After the words “ ... not affiliated to any confederation,” add: “including the CTV”.

*Eighth paragraph, page VI/8.*

Replace the paragraph as follows: “A Government representative of Venezuela, speaking on Case No. 2161, noted that the union in question was again an independent body and not affiliated to the CTV. The workers, with the aid of the human rights organizations, had obtained a reinstatement order and were awaiting their reintegration. Moreover, the Government had estimated that 50,000 dismissals had resulted from an employers’ lockout mounted to overthrow the democratically elected executive. It had subsequently drafted a Bill accelerating the administrative process of protection for workers affected by anti-trade union discrimination. The case had generated wide debate in the country on the protection of workers, associated with the Committee’s recommendations on this matter.”

*First paragraph, page VIII/1.*

In the third line, “Commission of Inquiry” should read “Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission”.

***3. Subject to the above corrections, the Governing Body may wish to approve the minutes of its 286th Session.***

Geneva, 18 June 2003.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 3.