

**FOR DECISION**

SIXTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General**Second Supplementary Report:
Progress report on the draft maritime
labour Convention, 2006**

1. It will be recalled that, at its 291st Session (November 2004),¹ the Governing Body endorsed recommendations made by the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference (PTMC) in September 2004 concerning the arrangements necessary to enable the preparatory work for the proposed draft maritime labour Convention to be completed. In particular, the Governing Body agreed that intersessional meetings should be held, at no direct cost to the Office, to address the unresolved issues and outstanding proposals for amendments to the draft Convention text that had been adopted by the PTMC.
2. The tripartite intersessional meetings took place in Geneva from 21 to 27 April 2005 and were followed by a meeting of the PTMC Drafting Group. Aside from provisions, such as those relating to the requirements for the coming into force of the Convention, which were deemed more appropriate for discussion at the Conference, all areas of the draft Convention text that had been unresolved at the end of the PTMC, were resolved on the basis of tripartite agreement. All proposed amendments were also reviewed and, where they were the subject of tripartite consensus, will be taken into account in the draft instrument under preparation.
3. In accordance with the arrangements endorsed by the Governing Body, the Office communicated all new wording on which tripartite consensus had been reached with respect to the previously unresolved issues, for comment, to the governments of all ILO Members as well as to the international organizations of shipowners and seafarers. As of September 2005, comments had been received from 20 governments.² They will be taken into account in the report that the Office is preparing for the International Labour Conference pursuant to article 38, paragraph 4(b), of the Standing Orders of the Conference. In addition, as required by article 39bis of the Conference Standing Orders, the Office has sent the draft Convention text, for comment, to the United Nations and other specialized agencies whose activities may be affected by any of its provisions. Comments

¹ GB.291/16/2.

² Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Japan, Mauritius, Myanmar, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

have so far been received from the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization and the World Health Organization.

4. In accordance with the Governing Body's decision at its 292nd Session (March 2005), the proposed new Convention will be considered at a Maritime Session of the International Labour Conference in February 2006. The Director-General has been informed that the European Commission will provide a grant amounting to 1,782,592 euros to help cover the costs of the Maritime Session.

5. *The Governing Body may wish to express its appreciation of this assistance.*

Geneva, 12 October 2005.

Point for decision: Paragraph 5.