

**FOR DECISION**

## EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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## Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

### New appointments

1. In order to fill the seats vacated by Mr. Rafael Albuquerque (Dominican Republic), Mr. Prafullachandra Natvarlal Bhagwati (India), Ms. Eva Letowska (Poland) and Mr. Edilbert Razafindralambo (Madagascar), *the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint the following persons as members of the Committee for a period of three years:*

- *Mr. Mario Ackerman (Argentina): Professor at the University of Buenos Aires;*
- *Mr. Denys Barrow (Belize): Justice of Appeal for the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court;*
- *Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone): Judge at the International Court of Justice;*
- *Ms. Ruma Pal (India): Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice of India.*

Short biographies of these four persons are reproduced in Appendix I.

## ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers

### Reappointments

2. Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 288th Session (November 2003) to review the mandate of two members of the ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers, *the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint for a period of two years as ILO Expert-Adviser:*

- *Ms. Maria Cristina Cacciamali (Brazil).*

3. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint for one year as ILO Expert-Adviser:*

- *Ms. Thelma Awori (Uganda/Liberia).*

## **Joint Maritime Commission: 30th Session** (Geneva, 23 February 2006)

### **Composition**

4. It is planned to hold the 30th Session of the Commission on 23 February 2006 immediately after the closing sitting of the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference. In accordance with its Standing Orders, the composition of the Commission consists of two members appointed by the Governing Body representing, respectively, the Employers' group and the Workers' group of the Governing Body, 40 members (20 Shipowners and 20 Seafarers) and eight deputy members (four Shipowners and four Seafarers) to be appointed by the Shipowners' and Seafarers' delegates at the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference. According to article 3 of its Standing Orders, each session of the Commission is chaired by the Chairperson of the Governing Body or, should he be unable to attend, by a substitute from among the members or deputy members of the Government group nominated by him.
5. *The Governing Body may wish to appoint one representative of the Employers' group and one representative of the Workers' group to attend the 30th Session of the Joint Maritime Commission.*

### **Agenda**

6. The agenda of the meeting will consist of a single item: Follow-up of the consolidated maritime labour Convention.
7. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the abovementioned agenda.*

## **Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission** (Geneva, 24-25 February 2006)

### **Composition**

8. At its 280th Session (March 2001), the Governing Body, having considered the report<sup>1</sup> of the Joint Maritime Commission (22-26 January 2001), agreed to the establishment of a Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers, which should meet every two years. It also agreed that the Subcommittee should be composed of six Shipowner and six Seafarer representatives.

<sup>1</sup> GB.280/5.

## Agenda

9. The agenda of the Subcommittee, as submitted for discussion to the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues (STM)<sup>2</sup> would consist of a single item: The Seafarers' Wages, Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships Recommendation, 1996 (No. 187): the updating of the basic wage of able seafarers.
10. *Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body as regards the convening of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission,<sup>3</sup> the Officers recommend that the Governing Body approve the abovementioned agenda.*

## Joint ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on the Fair Treatment of Seafarers in the Event of a Maritime Accident (IMO, London, 13-17 March 2006)

### Composition

11. At its 290th Session (June 2004), the Governing Body approved the establishment of a Joint ILO/IMO ad hoc Expert Working Group on the Fair Treatment of Seafarers in the Event of a Maritime Accident (Joint Working Group), composed of eight Government experts nominated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as well as four Shipowner and four Seafarer experts to be nominated by the ILO after consultations with the secretariats of their respective groups.<sup>4</sup> The IMO Legal Committee nominated eight member States (China, Egypt, Greece, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, Turkey and the United States) with the provision that any other government could attend the meeting as an observer.

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12. The terms of reference of the Joint Working Group were submitted to and approved by the Governing Body at its 291st Session (November 2004)<sup>5</sup> and by the Legal Committee of the IMO at its 89th Session (25-29 October 2004). According to the terms of reference, the Joint Working Group should prepare suitable recommendations for consideration by the IMO Legal Committee and the ILO Governing Body, including draft guidelines on the fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident.
13. The first session of the Joint Working Group took place from 17 to 19 January 2005.<sup>6</sup> It considered that it was premature to envisage producing valid guidelines during its first meeting. However, it agreed on the adoption of a resolution that would stress the concern

<sup>2</sup> GB.294/STM/7/1.

<sup>3</sup> idem.

<sup>4</sup> GB.290/8.

<sup>5</sup> GB.291/12.

<sup>6</sup> GB.292/STM/6/1(&Corr.).

of the entire maritime industry on the matter. The Governing Body approved this resolution at its 292nd Session (March 2005). The draft resolution requests the ILO Governing Body and the IMO Legal Committee to authorize the promulgation of the guidelines as soon as they are finalized, and to keep the problem under review and to assess its extent periodically.

## **Sixteenth American Regional Meeting (May 2006)<sup>7</sup>**

### **Invitation of intergovernmental organizations**

**14.** The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- Andean Community of Nations (CAN);
- Andean Development Corporation (CAF);
- Andean Presidential Council, Lima;
- Caribbean Community (CARICOM);
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations (FAO);
- International Social Security Association (AISS);
- Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS);
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB);
- Inter-American Indian Institute (IAII);
- International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF);
- Latin American Economic System (SELA);
- Latin American Integration Association (LAIA);
- Latin American Parliament (PARLATINO);
- Latin American Reserve Fund (FLAR);
- Organization of American States (OAS);

<sup>7</sup> Subject to the decision to be taken by the Governing Body as regards the date and the venue of the Meeting.

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- Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA);
  - Simón Rodríguez Agreement (CSR);
  - Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR);
  - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
  - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
  - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
  - United Nations Organization;
  - World Bank.

### **Invitation of international non-governmental organizations**

**15.** The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- Caribbean Congress of Labour, Barbados;
- Caribbean Employers' Confederation, Port-of-Spain;
- Latin American Industrialists' Association, Montevideo;
- Latin American Central of Workers;
- Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin American Workers.

**16.** *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Geneva, 14 November 2005.

*Points for decision:* Paragraph 1;  
Paragraph 2;  
Paragraph 3;  
Paragraph 5;  
Paragraph 7;  
Paragraph 10;  
Paragraph 16.

## Appendix

### Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

#### **Mr. Mario Ackerman (Argentina)**

Director of the Labour Law and Social Security Department and Professor in Labour Law, University of Buenos Aires; former adviser to the Parliament of Argentina; former Director of the National Labour Police of the National Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

#### **Mr. Denys Barrow (Belize)**

Judge of Appeal for the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court; former High Court Judge for Belize, St Lucia, Grenada and the British Virgin Islands; former Chairperson of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal in Belize; former member of the Committee of Experts for the Prevention of Torture in the Americas.

#### **Mr. Abdul G. Koroma (Sierra Leone)**

Judge at the International Court of Justice since 1994; President of the Henri Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva; former member of the International Law Commission; former Ambassador and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to many countries as well as to the United Nations.

#### **Ms. Ruma Pal (India)**

Judge of the Supreme Court of India since 2000; former Judge in the Calcutta High Court; founding member of the Asia-Pacific Advisory Forum on Judicial Education on equality issues; member of various other national and regional bodies.