

**FOR DECISION**

SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Date and agenda of the International Labour Conference**(c) Date of opening and closing of the 95th Session (May-June 2006) of the Conference**

1. At its 289th (March 2004) Session, the Governing Body decided that the 95th Session (May-June 2006) of the International Labour Conference should open, in Geneva, on Tuesday, 30 May 2006.¹ In accordance with established practice, it would normally close on Thursday, 15 June and be followed on Friday, 16 June 2006 by the 296th (June 2006) Session of the Governing Body.
2. Given the decision by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization to close the 2006 session of the World Health Assembly by Saturday, 27 May 2006 at the latest, it will not be feasible for the ILO to move into the same premises of the *Palais des Nations* to install its secretariat and be operational by the aforementioned opening date of Tuesday, 30 May. Furthermore, the United Nations Office at Geneva is unable to make the conference facilities of the *Palais des Nations* available to the ILO at any alternative time during the spring period.
3. In these circumstances, it would appear advisable for the opening of the International Labour Conference to be postponed by one day to permit full installation of the Conference secretariat and delegate services in the *Palais des Nations*, with the opening plenary sitting being scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, 31 May 2006.
4. This rescheduling would require certain modifications to the Conference programme. Accordingly, pre-session group meetings would be scheduled for Tuesday, 30 May. As is customary, Conference committees would sit throughout Saturday, 3 June, as required, and the discussion of the reports of the Director-General and of the Chairperson of the Governing Body would commence on Monday, 5 June. Work would continue as necessary on Saturday, 10 June. Committees would report to plenary on Wednesday, 14 June, and Thursday, 15 June. Voting on instruments and the closing of the session would take place on Friday, 16 June.
5. Given the need for the Conference to continue until Friday, 16 June, it would appear advisable to hold the 296th (June 2006) Session of the Governing Body at the stage in the

¹ GB.289/2.

Conference's third week when committees have already completed their work and before they report to plenary. Accordingly, this could take place on Monday, 12 June, with relevant preparatory group meetings being held in the morning and the session proper commencing in the afternoon. Should there be a need for the Governing Body to take up the questions arising out of the 95th Session of the International Labour Conference, a sitting could also be scheduled for Friday, 16 June after the close of the Conference.

6. Given the aforementioned considerations, the Governing Body may wish:

- (a) to decide that the 95th (May-June 2006) Session of the International Labour Conference will open on Wednesday, 31 May and close on Friday, 16 June 2006; and**
- (b) in that event, to decide that the 296th (June 2006) Session of the Governing Body will be held on Monday, 12 June and, if required, will complete its business after the Conference closure on Friday, 16 June 2006.**

Geneva, 3 October 2005.

Point for decision: Paragraph 6.