



International Labour Conference

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► Arrangements concerning the conduct of the business of the International Labour Conference and related suspension of certain provisions of the Standing Orders

A. Modalities for a special sitting on the situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories

Background

1. At its 350th Session (March 2024), the Governing Body decided by consensus to recommend to the International Labour Conference “that at its 112th Session, the Appendix to the Report of the Director-General on *The situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories* be discussed in the framework of a special sitting in accordance with the same modalities and conditions as those applied in all similar special sittings on the same subject in the past”.¹
2. The last time the Conference held a special sitting on the same subject was at its 91st Session (2003). The arrangements for that sitting were the same that had been applied for special sittings at previous sessions, which had been approved by the Governing Body and then by the former Selection Committee of the Conference.² As the responsibilities for the conduct of the business of the Conference of the former Selection Committee are now exercised by the Officers of the Conference, the Officers may wish to recommend to the Conference to approve these arrangements.

Proposed modalities

3. The special sitting will be held on Thursday, 6 June 2024. The list of speakers for that sitting will be closed at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 June 2024. Speeches at the special sitting will not exceed three minutes. The right to reply will be exercised as may be determined by the Chairperson and there will be no reply to the right to reply.

¹ GB.350/POL/PV, para.164 (I).

² See, for example, GB.286/9 and Provisional Record No.3, International Labour Conference, 91st Session (2003), 3/11–3/12.

4. As in the past, the following conditions will apply:
 - (a) no draft resolution on the same subject is submitted to the same session of the Conference;
 - (b) there is no discussion on the subject outside the special sitting;
 - (c) speakers who so wish are allowed to take the floor both on the General Report and on the Appendix during the special sitting.

Proposed suspension of certain provisions of the Standing Orders

5. The proposed modalities require the suspension of the following provisions in accordance with article 69(2) of the Standing Orders:
 - (a) to limit the duration of statements made during the special sitting to three minutes, it is proposed to suspend **article 14(4)**;
 - (b) to the extent necessary to allow delegates to deliver separate statements on the Appendix to the Report at the special sitting and on the other parts of the Director-General's Report, it is proposed to suspend **article 23(3)**.

B. Modalities for the Strategic Dialogue with the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental preparatory process leading up to the World Social Summit under the title “Second World Summit for Social Development”

6. A Strategic Dialogue with His Excellency Mr Philippe Kridelka, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to the United Nations in New York, and His Excellency Mr Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations in New York, will be held on 7 June 2024 from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Conference. After the opening remarks by the President and the Director-General, the two co-facilitators will deliver their statements, followed by statements from the representatives of the Employers' and Workers' groups. The floor will then be open for interventions of a maximum three-minute duration.
7. As the format of this dialogue is an interactive debate within the meaning of article 24 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the provisions of articles 14(4) on time limits for speeches and 23(3) on the limitation of the right to speak will not apply, and no suspension of provisions of the Standing Orders is required.