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Delegation of authority under article 17 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference

1. Article 17 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, as amended by the International Labour Conference in 2021, reads as follows:

Article 17

Motions involving expenditure

1. Any motion involving expenditure shall be referred to the Governing Body. Resolutions involving expenditure shall be referred to the Governing Body as soon as the General Affairs Committee is satisfied that the resolution is receivable and within the competence of the Conference.

2. The Governing Body shall communicate its opinion to the Conference at least 24 hours before the motion is discussed by the Conference.

3. The Governing Body may delegate to its Officers the authority to carry out its responsibilities under this article. When such responsibilities are exercised by the Officers, the Chairperson of the Governing Body shall ensure that consultations take place with the Government group of the Governing Body.

2. Paragraph 2.3.1(e) of the Standing Orders of the Governing Body provides that the Governing Body may delegate to its Officers the authority:

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- (e) to carry out the responsibilities of the Governing Body under article 17 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference; any such delegation shall be made only for one specific session of the Conference, and relate only to proposals involving expenditure during a financial period for which a budget has already been adopted.

► Draft decision

3. The Governing Body decided to delegate to its Officers, for the period of the 114th Session of the International Labour Conference (2026), the authority to carry out its responsibilities under article 17 of the Standing Orders of the Conference in relation to proposals involving expenditure in the 80th financial period ending 31 December 2027.