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I

Resolution to place on the agenda of the next ordinary session of the Conference an item entitled "Safety and health in construction"¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,
Having adopted the report of the Committee appointed to consider the fifth
item on the agenda,

Having in particular approved as general conclusions, with a view to the
consultation of governments, proposals for a Convention and a Recommendation
concerning safety and health in construction;

Decides that an item entitled "Safety and Health in Construction" shall be
included in the agenda of its next Ordinary Session for a second discussion with a
view to the adoption of a Convention and a Recommendation.

II

Resolution to place on the agenda of the next ordinary session of the Conference an item entitled: "Employment promotion and social security"²

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,
Having adopted the report of the Committee appointed to consider the fourth
item on the agenda,

Having in particular approved as general conclusions, with a view to the
consultation of governments, proposals for a Convention and a Recommendation
concerning employment promotion and social security;

Decides that an item entitled "Employment Promotion and Social Security"
shall be included in the agenda of its next Ordinary Session for a second discussion
with a view to the adoption of a Convention and a Recommendation.

III

Resolution concerning the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and the role of the ILO²

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,
Considering that the world economic recession, characterised inter alia by
unemployment, underemployment, unbalanced development, inequalities, short-
age of resources and increasing poverty, has lowered people's and workers'
standard of living and aggravated housing problems,

Noting that too many people—both employed and unemployed—in rural and
urban areas are forced to live in subhuman conditions in slums, squatter areas and
other inadequate forms of accommodation, especially in developing countries, and
that the situation is deteriorating,

Expressing deep concern at the crisis in the building industry in many
countries, accelerated by cuts in budget allocations and insufficient investment in
housing projects, resulting in increased unemployment among workers in the
building and building materials industries,

¹ Adopted on 22 June 1987.

² Adopted on 23 June 1987.

2. Invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to request the Director-General to pay special attention in the programmes of the ILO, especially when preparing the next Medium-Term Plan (1990-95), to research, dissemination of information, meetings, technical advisory services, technical co-operation and other types of activities which seek to make a valuable contribution to the objectives of the IYSH.

3. Calls on the Governing Body of the International Labour Office:

(a) to take the following actions:

- (i) to urge the governments of the member States to embark on a vigorous campaign for the creation of adequate and affordable housing as a means of contributing to the fulfilment of the ILO's policies and programmes concerning employment and basic needs;
- (ii) to ensure follow-up to the resolution adopted by the 11th Session of the Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works Committee, with the aim of including in the agenda of a forthcoming session of the International Labour Conference the revision of the Workers' Housing Recommendation, 1961 (No. 115);

(b) to instruct the Director-General to:

- (i) intensify efforts to help to achieve the aims and objectives of the IYSH by concentrating on aspects relating to employment, training for self-help schemes in community services, whether in urban or rural areas, the formal or informal sectors, the development of employment-oriented technology, and the planning and execution of large-scale employment-oriented public works programmes, especially in housing;
- (ii) strengthen the ILO's technical co-operation activities designed to assist countries in promoting simple building techniques and the production and use of local materials;
- (iii) promote popular participation in the construction and maintenance of workers' housing, especially through housing co-operatives, self-help housing schemes and the promotion of relevant activities of employers and trade unions;
- (iv) take also into account, in all activities aimed at eliminating homelessness, the experience of those countries which have achieved positive results in solving the housing problem;
- (v) strengthen working relationships and co-ordination between the ILO and other United Nations agencies concerned with workers' housing, especially with the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), in conformity with the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1983 concerning co-operation between the two organisations;
- (vi) remind member States of the need to consult and seek the active co-operation of the representatives of workers' and employers' organisations on the elaboration and implementation of all aspects of housing and human settlement programmes.

IV

Resolution concerning the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Considering that, in accordance with the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, freedom of association constitutes a fundamental principle on which the Organisation is based and that the Declaration of Philadelphia, which is an integral part of the Constitution, affirms that "freedom of expression and of association are essential to sustained progress",

¹ Adopted on 23 June 1987.

Considering that the principles of freedom of association must be universally applied irrespective of the social and economic systems existing in the different countries,

Considering that the principles of freedom of association have been codified in a number of ILO instruments, in particular in the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87),

Considering that, according to Convention No. 87, “workers and employers, without distinction whatsoever, shall have the right to establish and, subject only to the rules of the organisation concerned, to join organisations of their own choosing without previous authorisation”,

Noting with concern that not all member States have ratified Convention No. 87 and that in the past years the International Labour Office has received many complaints concerning violations of the principles of freedom of association in several countries,

Recognising that the supervisory procedures of the International Labour Organisation in the field of freedom of association, including the sending of ILO missions on the spot, have contributed to the improvement of the situation in a number of countries as regards respect for the principles of freedom of association,

Reaffirming the necessity for strict implementation of the principles of freedom of association in law as well as in practice and the obligation for all governments to co-operate fully with the supervisory bodies of the International Labour Organisation,

Recalling that in 1988 it will be 40 years since Convention No. 87 was adopted by the International Labour Conference ;

1. Urges the governments of all those member States which have not yet ratified the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), to do their utmost to ratify that Convention in the course of 1988.

2. Calls upon the governments of all member States to take all necessary steps for the full implementation of Convention No. 87, in particular by bringing their legislation into conformity with the principles enunciated in the Convention, and to seek as rapidly as possible the assistance of the International Labour Office when problems relating to the implementation of the principles of freedom of association are experienced or anticipated, with a view to resolving such problems.

3. Invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to instruct the Director-General to seize the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the adoption of Convention No. 87 to strengthen the ILO's efforts in favour of the ratification and full implementation of Convention No. 87 by all member States.

V

Resolution concerning measures against drug and alcohol abuse in working and social life¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Recalling that the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 38/93 of 16 December 1983 has urged the specialised agencies and other organisations and programmes of the United Nations system to identify special drug control activities in their programme budgets,

Bearing in mind that in resolution 39/142 of 14 December 1984 the United Nations General Assembly has declared that the illegal production of, illicit demand for, abuse of and illicit trafficking in drugs impede economic and social progress, constitute a grave threat to the security and development of many countries and peoples and should be combated by all moral, legal and institutional means, at the national, regional and international levels,

¹ Adopted on 23 June 1987.