



FOR DECISION

FIFTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Request of the Kingdom of Bhutan to attend the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference

1. The Director-General received, in a letter dated 3 March 2009 from the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan, a request to be present at the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference (2009).
2. The presence of non-member States of the ILO at the International Labour Conference is regulated by article 2 of the Conference Standing Orders (Right of admission to sittings of the Conference), which, in paragraph 3, reads as follows: “Apart from delegates and advisers the only persons permitted to enter the body of the hall shall be: ... (e) persons appointed as observers by a State invited to attend the Conference”.
3. The Kingdom of Bhutan has been a Member of the United Nations since 21 September 1971. Thus, there is no legal obstacle for this State to be invited as an observer.
4. *In light of the above, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend to the Governing Body that it authorizes the Director-General to invite the Kingdom of Bhutan to be represented by a delegation of observers at the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference, in accordance with article 2, paragraph 3(e), of the Standing Orders of the Conference.*

Geneva, 18 March 2009.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.