



FOR INFORMATION

SEVENTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

First Supplementary Report: Observance by Zimbabwe of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98) – Developments since the establishment of the Commission of Inquiry

1. At its 303rd Session (November 2008), the Governing Body decided to appoint a Commission of Inquiry in respect of complaints by Workers' and Employers' delegates under article 26 of the ILO Constitution concerning the observance by Zimbabwe of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98). The Commission is composed of Judge Raymond Ranjeva (Chairperson), Professor Evance Rabban Kalula, and Dr Bertrand Ramcharan.
2. During its first meeting in Geneva from 18 to 20 February 2009, the Commission agreed on its procedures and decided on its future work in light of the recent inauguration of an inclusive government in Zimbabwe. In view of this political development, a preliminary goodwill mission to Harare by senior ILO officials and the Commission of Inquiry took place from 18 to 23 May 2009. The Commission of Inquiry undertook a further on-the-spot mission to Zimbabwe from 11 to 26 August 2009, when it met with the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe and a large number of Government officials, representatives of the social partners and other stakeholders, and over 100 individuals. During its missions, the Commission has enjoyed the cooperation of the Government of Zimbabwe.
3. The Commission of Inquiry has scheduled a meeting in Geneva in October 2009. It expects to submit its report to the Governing Body in March 2010.

Geneva, 30 September 2009.

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