

Additional agenda item

Report of the Officers of the Governing Body

Recommendations

1. In the light of the report of the Mission of the Officers of the Governing Body, which is before the Conference (*Provisional Record* No. 2-2), and considering that maintaining all the existing measures would not help any more in attaining the desired result of compliance with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend to the Conference the following action in respect to the measures adopted by the Conference in 1999 and 2000: ¹
 1. That the limitation of ILO technical cooperation or assistance to the Government of Myanmar, enunciated in paragraph 3(b) of the 1999 resolution, to that with the purpose of promoting the recommendation of the Commission of Inquiry should be lifted with immediate effect to enable the ILO to assist the Government, employers and workers on a variety of issues coming within the ILO's mandate.
 2. That the measure enunciated in paragraph 3(c) of the 1999 resolution should also be lifted to allow the Government of Myanmar to participate in ILO meetings, symposia and seminars in the same way as any other Member, with social partners from Myanmar receiving the same treatment.
 3. That the recommendation contained in paragraph 1(b) of the 2000 resolution should be suspended with immediate effect for one year. The recommendation should be reviewed again by the International Labour Conference in 2013 in the light of information available to it in respect of the full elimination of the forced labour in Myanmar. The Governing Body should be requested to include this item on the agenda of the 102nd Session of the Conference (2013).

¹ Resolution on the widespread use of forced labour in Myanmar, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 87th Session (June 1999) (the “1999 resolution”), and the resolution concerning the measures recommended by the Governing Body under article 33 of the ILO Constitution on the subject of Myanmar, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its 88th Session (May–June 2000) (the “2000 resolution”).

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4. That the Director-General be requested to prepare for the November 2012 session of the Governing Body a report on technical cooperation, including resources required, that could be undertaken with Myanmar. The report is to include progress made in the implementation of the joint strategy for the elimination of forced labour in Myanmar, the operation of new labour legislation, including freedom of association, and on the impact of foreign investment on decent working conditions in the country.
 5. That the Governing Body be requested to organize at its March 2013 session a discussion, with a view to making any recommendations it deems appropriate, on arrangements for consideration of all relevant issues concerning Myanmar at the 102nd Session of the Conference (2013).
 6. That the International Labour Office give urgent attention to the identification of technical cooperation priorities in Myanmar in close consultation with the Government and social partners in the country. There should be an addition to the established priorities of the total elimination of forced labour particularly through the effective implementation of the Joint Strategy and the effective and full realization of freedom of association.
 7. That Members be urged to make available to the ILO the financial resources necessary for it to provide the technical assistance that Myanmar requires to meet the opportunities and challenges of its rapidly changing circumstances with the priority on forced labour, freedom of association and social dialogue.
 8. That adequate budget provision be made to support the ILO Liaison Office in Yangon on a reasonable and stable basis.
 9. That member States and international organizations be requested to continue following closely the situation and share with the ILO Liaison Officer any information on the occurrence of forced labour in Myanmar.

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