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THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Eighth report: Application for regional consultative status for the *Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas*

1. At its 160th Session (November 1964), the Governing Body approved the establishment of a regional consultative status which may be granted by the Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, to regional non-governmental organizations of employers or workers fulfilling two major conditions:
 - (a) the applicant organization must be broadly representative of interests concerned with a wide range of ILO activities in the region concerned and active there; and
 - (b) the applicant organization must communicate to the Director-General with its application, for the information of the Governing Body, the following information: a copy of its constitution; the names and addresses of its officers; particulars of its composition and of the membership of the national organizations affiliated to it; and a copy of its latest annual report.¹
2. Organizations with regional consultative status may attend ILO Regional Meetings and other tripartite meetings of a regional nature in their respective regions; make, with the permission of the officers of such meetings, statements on matters included in the agenda; and receive ILO documents regularly. A list of the organizations that have been granted regional consultative status with the ILO is available on the partnerships [website](#) of the Organization.

¹ The rules applicable to non-governmental international organizations enjoying regional consultative status are contained in Annex V to the [Compendium of rules applicable to the Governing Body of the International Labour Office](#) (March 2016 edition), available on the Governing Body website.

3. The *Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas* (ADS) was founded at a congress held in Bogota between 16 and 20 April 2017. It is a supranational organization in the American continent whose mission is to promote democracy, freedom, peace, inclusion, gender equity and the defence of the rights of the working class and other social sectors in the region. ADS membership comprises 24 national and regional trade union organizations from 14 countries and territories in the Americas and the Caribbean. The ADS has its headquarters in Bogota and is led by a continental executive committee composed of 13 members.
4. The ADS requested regional consultative status with the ILO in a letter dated 26 April 2017. As required by the rules governing regional consultative status, the Office requested the ADS to provide it with a copy of its first annual report. The [report](#) was appended to a letter to the Director-General dated 8 May 2018. More information is available on the [ADS website](#).
5. In the absence of agreement between the Officers as to whether or not ADS meets the conditions spelled out in paragraph 1(a) above, the Governing Body is invited to decide on ADS application for regional consultative status.

Draft decision

6. *The Governing Body decided [to/not to] grant the Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas regional consultative status for the American region.*