



FOR INFORMATION

SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Voluntary contributions and gifts

1. At its 151st Session (February–March 1962), the Governing Body authorized the Director-General to accept gifts in money or in kind made by governments, governmental or non-governmental organizations or private persons in aid of ILO operational programmes, at his discretion and subject to the condition that the gifts should not involve any financial liability for the Members of the Organization. These general powers were given to the Director-General in extension of the authority granted by the Governing Body at its 130th Session (November 1955) and confirmed at its 138th Session (February–March 1958). At its 251st Session (November 1991), the Governing Body authorized the Director-General to accept gifts in money or in kind made by governments, governmental or non-governmental organizations or private persons, at his discretion, provided that they did not involve any financial liability for the Members of the Organization and provided that details of such gifts were reported periodically to the Governing Body.
2. Details of gifts accepted by the Director-General were last communicated to the Committee in November 2005.¹ Gifts accepted in aid of operational programmes since that date are listed in the appendix. These gifts represent donations towards ongoing ILO activities and do not therefore include funds received for technical cooperation activities.

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¹ GB.294/PFA/2.

Appendix

Gifts in aid of operational programmes

In September 2005, the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) donated 4,000,000 yen (¥) for the ILO/RENGO/JILAF Regional Workshop for Capacity Building on Trade Union Rights and Labour Standards for Productivity Improvement in Africa, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 20 to 25 November 2005.

In October 2005 and December 2005, the Government of Greece contributed 16,500 and 13,500 euro (€), respectively, to the High Level Tripartite Seminar on Labour Administration and Public Employment Services, held in Nicosia, Cyprus, from 17 to 18 October 2005.

In October 2005, the Lärarförbundet (Swedish Teachers' Union) contributed US\$7,000 to the support for teachers' trade unions' participation in the Southern African Dialogue Forum on teacher shortages and Education for All, held from 6 to 8 December 2005 in Pretoria, South Africa.

In December 2005, the Commission of the European Communities contributed €1,355,073.72 for the preparatory actions and the launching of the consolidated Convention on maritime labour standards of the International Labour Organization of the 94th Maritime Session of the ILC, held from 7 to 23 February 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 2005, the Government of Portugal through the IEFPP – Instituto do Emprego e da Formação Profissional contributed €4,351.65 to finance the employment of an intern.

In February 2006 and January 2007, the Government of Germany made two contributions of €50,000 (€100,000 total) to partially defray the rental costs of the ILO premises in Berlin.

In May 2006, the Government of the Republic of Korea contributed US\$180,000 to the 14th Asian Regional Meeting, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 29 August to 1 September 2006.

In November 2002, a Convention was signed between the Government of France and the ILO in support of the activities of the ILO Office in France. In April 2006 the ILO received a contribution of €76,225 and in April 2007 a contribution of €76,225. The funds are used to defray costs of the ILO Office in Paris.

In May 2006, the Caritas Internationalis contributed 6,000 Swiss francs to the translation costs at the Meeting of Catholic Organizations with engagement in the response to HIV and AIDS, organized by Caritas Internationalis in collaboration with the ILO, UNAIDS and WHO, held from 23 to 26 January 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland.

In July 2006, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) contributed US\$100,000 to the cost of services to implement a project on statistics of international labour migration.

In August 2006 and March 2007, the Messe Düsseldorf contributed €10,697 and €20,000, respectively, towards the biannual BASI Conference held during the A + A Congress on occupational safety and health, to be held in Düsseldorf, Germany, in 2007.

In November 2006, the RENGO donated ¥4,000,000 for the ILO/RENGO/JILAF Regional Workshop for Capacity Building on Trade Union Rights and Labour Standards for Productivity Improvement in Africa, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 20 to 24 November 2006.

In November 2006, the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) contributed 19,000 Swiss francs to the cost of the translation of the following three SECTOR documents:

- TMRTS/2006/6, report of meeting discussion;
- TMRTS/2006/9, conclusions into Russian, Portuguese and German;
- ILO Working Paper No. 232 "The issues of fatigue and working time in the road transport sector" into Russian, Spanish and French.

In November 2006, the Russell Sage Foundation contributed US\$16,200 towards the International Institute for Labour Studies' Research Conference on "Decent Work, Social Policy and Development", held from 29 November to 1 December 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland.

In February 2007, the Workmen Compensation Fund of Thailand (WCF) contributed US\$13,000 to the exchange visit by Mr Gylles Binet to discuss a number of technical issues relevant to the WCF.

In February 2007, the Trade Union Congress (TUC) contributed 8,500 pounds sterling (£) to the costs of the ILO Permanent Representation in Colombia.

The following ILO Offices operate from premises provided rent free by the host countries: Algiers, Ankara, Beirut, Budapest, Dakar, Kuwait, Lisbon, Madrid, Rome, and Yaoundé. The Offices of the following national correspondents have also been provided free of charge by the host countries: Bishkek, Bucharest, Chisinau, Kiev, Minsk, Sofia, Tirana and Yerevan.

In addition, a number of plaques and decorative objects have been donated to the Office.