



FOR INFORMATION

SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Developments concerning the question of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

1. The Supplementary Understanding between the Government of Myanmar and the ILO concerning the treatment of allegations on the use of forced labour was concluded on a 12-month trial basis on 26 February 2007.¹ It thus is scheduled to expire shortly before the March 2008 session of the Governing Body.
2. The Office has been engaged in discussions, both in Yangon and Geneva, with the Government of Myanmar on how this Understanding has functioned and the options for the future, including its possible extension and related questions. These discussions have also covered all the issues arising from the relevant conclusions of the Governing Body in November 2007.²
3. A mission from ILO headquarters is scheduled to visit Myanmar at the end of February for more in-depth discussions. The outcome will be reported to the members of the Governing Body as soon as possible, together with factual information on the functioning of the Supplementary Understanding. The report will also cover the activities of the ILO Liaison Officer since the November session of the Governing Body.

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Submitted for information.

¹ GB.298/5/1, para. 6; GB.298/PV, para. 139.

² GB.300/8.