ELEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Financial arrangements for the tripartite delegation of the Governing Body to the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work and to the Safety and Health Summit (Seoul, Republic of Korea, 29 June–2 July 2008)

1. The Officers of the Governing Body have recommended that, subject to financial arrangements being made, a tripartite delegation of the Governing Body be appointed to attend the XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.¹

2. The XVIII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work will be organized in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 29 June to 2 July 2008. Since 1955, the World Congress on Safety and Health at Work has been convened every three years by the International Labour Office along with the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and hosted by a national occupational safety and health institution. The national host organizer for the XVIII World Congress is the Korea Occupational Safety and Health Agency (KOSHA).

3. This year, a Safety and Health Summit will be organized just prior to the opening of the World Congress. Ministers responsible for labour and health, business leaders, leading employers’ and workers’ representatives, and leaders from important safety and health institutions will reflect on ways to stimulate political commitment and demonstrate that good occupational safety and health policies create a win-win situation for employers, workers and society at large resulting in a more prominent place for occupational safety and health on national and international agendas.

4. The cost of the tripartite delegation, estimated at US$30,700, comprises ticket costs, per diem, insurance and incidental costs. As there is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2008–09 for this delegation, it is proposed that the total cost of US$30,700 be financed in the first instance from savings under Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2008–09 and that, should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.

¹ GB.301/19.
5. The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body approve that the total cost of the tripartite delegation of US$30,700 be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2008–09, on the understanding that, should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.


Point for decision: Paragraph 5.