



THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Use of the Special Programme Account

1. At its 304th Session (March 2009), the Governing Body decided on allocations of US\$6 million from the Special Programme Account.¹ It deferred consideration of the allocation of US\$500,000 on measurement of decent work (support to countries) and invited the Director-General to make proposals on the use of the remaining US\$1.3 million in the account at the present session.
2. Support to countries on statistics and the measurement of decent work is the subject of a separate paper before the Governing Body.² The Committee is invited to recommend to the Governing Body that, subject to the Governing Body's approval of the activities proposed in that paper, it approve the allocation of US\$500,000 towards the measurement of decent work (support to countries).
3. It is proposed to defer consideration of the use of the remaining US\$1.3 million in the Special Programme Account. Based on experience with the existing allocations, on the evolution of needs in relation to the crisis and on the emerging priorities identified by the Governing Body and the Conference, proposals will be submitted to the 307th Session of the Governing Body (March 2010).
4. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that subject to its approval of the activities related to measuring decent work, it authorize the Director-General to use US\$500,000 from the Special Programme Account as proposed in paragraph 2 above.*

Geneva, 26 October 2009.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.

¹ GB.304/PV, paras 186 and 188.

² GB.306/17/5.