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Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

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Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

Reappointments

1. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint, for a period of three years, the following members of the Committee on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations:*

- *Mr Mario Ackerman (Argentina);*
- *Mr Denys Barrow, SC (Belize);*
- *Mr Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar).*

New appointment

2. *In order to fill one of the two current vacant seats, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint the following person as a member of the Committee for a period of three years:*

- *Ms Graciela Josefina Dixon Carton (Panama).*

A short biography of Ms Graciela Josefina Dixon Carton is reproduced in the appendix.

Global Dialogue Forum on Safety in the Supply Chain in Relation to Packing of Containers¹ (Geneva, 21–22 February 2011)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

3. The Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following international intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Global Dialogue Forum as observers:

- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- European Union (EU);
- International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- OECD² International Transport Forum;

¹ Subject to the decision to be adopted by the Governing Body as regards the new title of the meeting (GB.309/STM/4/1).

² Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA);
- World Bank;
- World Customs Organization (WCO).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

4. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Global Dialogue Forum as observers:

- Global Shippers' Forum;
- International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH);
- International Federation of Freight Forwarders (FIATA);
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO);
- International Road Transport Union (IRU);
- International Safety Panel (ISP) of ICHCA International Limited;
- International Shipping Federation;
- International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI);
- International Union of Railways (UIC);
- World Shipping Council.

5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Global Dialogue Forum as observers.*

15th Asia–Pacific Regional Meeting (Kyoto, 10–13 April 2011)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

6. The Officers of the Governing Body took note of the invitation of the following international intergovernmental organizations that have a standing arrangement of mutual representation with the ILO, to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

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- Arab Labour Organization (ALO);
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB);
 - Asian Productivity Organization (APO);
 - Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);
 - European Union (EU);
 - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
 - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);
 - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
 - International Maritime Organization (IMO);
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF);
 - International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
 - League of Arab States;
 - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
 - United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);
 - United Nations (UN);
 - Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
 - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);
 - Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA);
 - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
 - United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF);
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
 - United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (UNDRO);
 - United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
 - United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA);
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
 - United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Subregion (UNIAP);
 - UN Women;

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC);
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS);
- United Nations University;
- United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR);
- World Food Programme (WFP);
- Universal Postal Union (UPU);
- World Bank;
- World Health Organization (WHO);
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO);
- World Tourism Organization.

7. In addition to the above intergovernmental organizations, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions:

- Afro–Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO);
- Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social Development in Asia and the Pacific;
- Gulf Cooperation Council;
- Islamic Development Bank (IDB);
- International Organization for Migration (IOM);
- Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC);
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC);
- Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO);
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC);
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

8. Following previous practice, the Officers of the Governing Body have also authorized the Director-General to invite the Secretariats of the Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and of the Pacific Island Forum (SPFS).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

9. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE);
 - ASEAN Trade Unions Council (ATUC);
 - Building and Woodworkers International (BWI);
 - Confederation of Asia–Pacific Employers (CAPE);
 - Disabled Peoples’ International (DPI);
 - Education International (EI);
 - General Confederation of Trade Unions (GCTU);
 - General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries;
 - International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU);
 - International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers’ Union (ICEM);
 - International Federation of Journalists (IFJ);
 - Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH);
 - International Council of Nurses (ICN);
 - International Social Security Association (ISSA);
 - International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF);
 - International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers’ Federation (ITGLWF);
 - International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’ Association (IUF);
 - Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU);
 - Public Services International (PSI);
 - South Asian Regional Trade Union Council (SARTUC);
 - UNI Global Union (UNI);
 - South Pacific and Oceanic Council of Trade Unions (SPOCTU);
 - Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (TUAC–OECD).

- 10. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.***

**Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Examine the Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), and Termination of Employment Recommendation, 1982 (No. 166)
(Geneva, 18–21 April 2011)**

- 11.** Following the discussion in the Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards,³ the Governing Body approved, at its 306th Session (November 2009), the holding of a meeting of a tripartite group of experts to examine Convention No. 158 and Recommendation No. 166 as well as the funding of the meeting,⁴ on the basis of a proposed composition of six Government, six Employer and six Worker experts. It is now proposed that the meeting be held from 18 to 21 April 2011.

Composition

- 12.** In accordance with the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 306th Session (November 2009), it is proposed that this Meeting be attended by six representatives of Governments nominated after consultation with the Government group, six representatives of Employers nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and six representatives of Workers, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body.
- 13. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.***

Agenda

- 14.** The purpose of the Meeting of a tripartite group of experts would be to examine the Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158), and the Termination of Employment Recommendation, 1982 (No. 166); to identify obstacles to ratification and implementation and other relevant current trends in law and practice. On the basis of the outcome of the meeting, the Office would prepare proposals to the Governing Body for its consideration.
- 15. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.***

³ GB.306/10/2(Rev.).

⁴ GB.306/PFA/9 and GB.306/9/1(Rev.).

Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Working-time Arrangements (Geneva, 17–21 October 2011)

16. At its 294th Session (November 2005), the Governing Body approved the organization of a tripartite meeting of experts on working-time arrangements.⁵ At its 306th Session (November 2009) Session, the Governing Body approved the funding of the meeting,⁶ on the basis of a proposed composition of six Government, six Employer and six Worker experts. It is now proposed that the Meeting be held from 17 to 21 October 2011.

Composition

17. It is proposed that the Meeting be attended by six experts nominated after consultation with the Governments, six experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and six experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. According to the established practice for meetings of experts, it is also proposed that this Meeting be chaired by an independent Chairperson.
18. In order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Germany, Japan and Tunisia. Should any of those Governments prove to be unable to nominate an expert, the Director-General would approach one of the Governments of the following countries: Argentina, France, Hungary, Indonesia, South Africa and Thailand.
19. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

20. In line with the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 294th Session (November 2005), the purpose of the Meeting is to review and advise on modern working-time arrangements, which would include identifying the main policy issues that would need to be addressed to develop future ILO guidance for advancing decent work in the area of working time.
21. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

22. The Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following international intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- European Union (EU);

⁵ GB.294/9(Rev.).

⁶ GB.306/PFA/9 and GB.306/9/1(Rev.).

- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- UN Women;
- World Bank;
- World Health Organization (WHO).

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Appendix

Ms Graciela Josefina Dixon Carton

Ms Dixon Carton is of Panamanian nationality and was born on 28 March 1955. She graduated in law and political science at the University of Panama and followed postgraduate studies in human rights at the Faculty of Law of Santa María la Antigua University in Panama. She gained a diploma with a specialization in judicial training in constitutional justice at Carlos III University, Madrid, and also a diploma with a specialization in judicial training in court supervision of the public administration in the context of the training programme for Latin American judges at the General Council of the Judiciary of Spain in Barcelona.

Ms Dixon Carton was a member of the Supreme Court of Justice of Panama for ten years (the maximum period permitted by law), from 1998 to 2007. At the Court she was President of the Chamber of Criminal Law, the Court of Cassation and the Chamber of General Business Matters. Finally, she was President of the Supreme Court itself.

She was a candidate for the International Court of Justice and national consultant for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). She was also President of the International Association of Women Judges and of the Latin American Federation of Judges. At present she divides her time between work as adviser to the rector of the University of Panama, arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration in Madrid and lawyer in a private group practice.