



Governing Body

311th Session, Geneva, June 2011

GB.311/8

FOR DECISION

EIGHTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference

1. At its 305th Session (June 2009), the Governing Body established a Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference to consider how the governance functions of these organs could be improved in the light of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization. While its mandate also covers the functioning of the Conference, it was agreed that the Working Party would give initial priority to possible improvements in the functioning of the Governing Body.¹
2. Following an extensive process of formal and informal consultations, the Working Party approved a reform package to improve the functioning of the Governing Body and submitted it for adoption by the Governing Body at its 310th Session.² The package was subsequently adopted and the Office was asked to prepare the corresponding set of amendments to the Standing Orders of the Governing Body, to be approved by the incoming Governing Body in June 2011. The Governing Body would function within the framework of the agreed reform as of its 312th Session (November 2011).
3. Following the completion of the reform of the Governing Body, the Working Party is expected to focus on further improvements in the functioning of the International Labour Conference in the light of experiences gained from its format since 2007 and taking into account the introduction of the scheme of recurrent item discussions. During the Working Party discussions, it was proposed that the opportunity of this review process could include the functioning and role of Regional Meetings.
4. *The Governing Body may wish to:*
 - (a) *decide that the Working Party should also review the functioning and role of Regional Meetings;*
 - (b) *confirm the current composition of the Working Party (16 Government, eight Employer and eight Worker members to be appointed by each group),*

¹ GB.305/4.

² GB.310/9/1.

it being understood that broad and inclusive consultations regarding its work would take place; and

- (c) decide that the Working Party will meet for one day at the 312th Session (November 2011) of the Governing Body to discuss a document, to be prepared by the Office, containing an analysis and proposals for the second phase of the review.*

Geneva, 31 May 2011

Point for decision: Paragraph 4