



## Governing Body

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Legal Issues and International Labour Standards Section  
*Legal Issues Segment*

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THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Standing Orders of the Conference: Amendments related to the reform of the Governing Body

### Overview

#### Summary

This paper contains a proposal for a consequential amendment of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference in light of the reform package to improve the functioning of the Governing Body adopted at its 310th Session.

#### Policy implications

Alignment of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference with the new Governing Body structure.

#### Legal implications

Proposed amendment to article 18 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference.

#### Financial implications

None.

#### Decision required

Paragraph 2.

#### Follow-up action required

Submission of proposed amendment to the International Labour Conference.

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#### References to other Governing Body documents and ILO instruments

Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference, GB.310/9/1, GB.310/PV, GB.311/7/1.



1. In order to complete the reform package adopted by the Governing Body at its 310th Session to improve its functioning,<sup>1</sup> the Office reviewed the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference and identified its article 18 as requiring a consequential amendment to eliminate the reference to the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee (PFAC). Since the new structure of the Governing Body is composed of sections and segments, the functions previously undertaken by the PFAC are now fulfilled by the Programme, Financial and Administrative Section of the Governing Body plenary. The draft amendment to be proposed to the Conference would replace the reference to the PFAC with one referring solely to the Governing Body.
  
2. ***The Governing Body may wish to invite the International Labour Conference, at its 101st Session (June 2012), to approve the amendments to article 18 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference proposed in the Appendix.***

Geneva, 24 August 2011

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 2

<sup>1</sup> GB.310/9/1, para. 33 and GB.310/PV para. 129. The Standing Orders of the Governing Body and the introductory note to the Compendium of Rules Applicable to the Governing Body were amended at the 311th Session of the Governing Body to give effect to the reform package; see GB.311/7/1.



## Appendix

### Proposed amendments to article 18 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference

#### ARTICLE 18

##### *Proposals involving expenditure*

1. Any motion or resolution involving expenditure shall in the first instance, or in the case of resolutions referred to the Resolutions Committee as soon as that Committee is satisfied that the resolution is receivable and within the competence of the Conference, be referred to the Governing Body which, ~~after consultation of its Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee,~~ shall communicate its opinion to the Conference.

2. The opinion of the Governing Body shall be circulated to the delegates at least 24 hours before the motion or resolution is discussed by the Conference.

3. The Governing Body ~~and the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee~~ may delegate to its officers the authority to carry out ~~their~~ its responsibilities under this article ~~to their officers~~.