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THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Second report: Arrangements for a tripartite meeting on labour migration (Geneva, 4–8 November 2013)

Background

1. At its 92nd Session (June 2004), the International Labour Conference adopted the resolution concerning a fair deal for migrant workers in a global economy, which called for an ILO plan of action for migrant workers. In November 2005, a tripartite meeting of experts adopted the ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration, the centrepiece of the plan of action, which provides non-binding guidance for improved governance of labour migration at national, regional and international levels, based on ILO standards and a wide range of good practices. The Multilateral Framework was fully endorsed by the Governing Body for publication, dissemination and promotion in March 2006. At its 316th Session (November 2012), the Governing Body requested the Office to organize a tripartite meeting enabling the Organization to assess the outcome of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (October 2013) and consider possible areas for ILO follow-up. The Governing Body also requested the Director-General to conduct an in-depth evaluation of the ILO's response to the changing landscape of international labour migration, including the Office's progress on the promotion of its Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration, in order to make an informed contribution to the abovementioned High-Level Dialogue. Further to the decision adopted in November 2012 by the Governing Body, a plan of action for future action of the Office, based on the above evaluation and the outcomes of the tripartite meeting, would be submitted to the Governing Body for adoption at its 320th Session (March 2014).
2. The Programme and Budget for 2012–13 contains a provision for a tripartite meeting on migrations. For cost-efficiency reasons for the Office and the participating government delegations, it is suggested that this meeting be held in November 2013, immediately after the 319th Session of the Governing Body, to enable designated delegates attending that session to extend their stay in Geneva to attend the tripartite technical meeting. In

accordance with the practice governing those technical meetings, government participants would attend at the expense of their respective governments.

Composition

3. Following informal consultations with the government regional coordinators of the Governing Body and the Employers' and Workers' groups, it is proposed that the meeting be attended by 12 Government representatives nominated after consultation with the regional coordinators, 12 participants nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and 12 participants nominated after consultation with the Workers' group. Other Government, Employers' and Workers' delegates would also be invited to attend the meeting as observers at their own cost.
4. In order to obtain the government nominations, consultations will be held with the regional coordinators before the 318th Session of the Governing Body (June 2013). It is suggested that the regional coordinators take the following criteria into account when determining the Government representatives: ensuring a balanced representation of the interests and stances of countries of origin, countries of destination and countries that might qualify as both; and the existence of a political willingness or interest to improve the governance of labour migration or labour mobility.
5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approves the above composition formula.*

Agenda

6. The purpose of the meeting is to formulate recommendations regarding possible ILO follow-up to the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, bearing in mind the changing landscape of international labour migration and its implications for the world of work, and the findings of the assessment of the ILO's response, including in respect of the Multilateral Framework. The topics to be covered will be: (i) labour migration in the context of debates on international migration and development of the post-2015 development framework; (ii) the effective protection of migrant workers, with reference to the particular vulnerabilities of low-skilled and middle-skilled workers; (iii) sound labour market assessment needs, and skills recognition and certification; and (iv) international cooperation and social dialogue for well-governed national and international labour migration and regional mobility.
7. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approves the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

8. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements, approved by the Governing Body, provide for their automatic invitation to the Meeting, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions:
 - European Union:
 - European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (EU FRA);

- European Commission;
- Organization of American States (OAS);
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);
- World Bank.¹

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

9. The Director-General proposes inviting the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers:

- Amnesty International (AI);
- Human Rights Watch (HRW);
- International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC);
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA);
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM);
- the Migration Policy Centre;
- the Migration Policy Institute.

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.*

¹ Invited as a member of the Global Migration Group, an interagency group comprised of 16 agencies.