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### Report of the Director-General

#### Sixth Supplementary Report: Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations: Honorary

**Purpose of the document**

The Governing Body is invited to increase the honorarium of the members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (see the draft decision in paragraph 4).

**Relevant strategic objective:** Promote and realize standards and fundamental principles and rights at work.

**Policy implications:** None.

**Legal implications:** None.

**Financial implications:** See paragraphs 2 and 3.

**Follow-up action required:** None.

**Author unit:** International Labour Standards Department (NORMES).

**Related documents:** None.



1. The last revision of the honorarium of the members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations was included in the programme and budget for the biennium 1994–95, when the honorarium paid to each member was set at 4,000 Swiss francs (CHF) per session. This amount is to cover expenses over a period of almost three weeks plus any preparatory work. A review of official statistics on wage inflation in Switzerland since 1994 shows an increase of 27.8 per cent. In view of the status of the Committee of Experts as one of the main pillars of the ILO's supervisory system and its authority and prestige, as well as the work that it is called upon to undertake, it is proposed that the Governing Body consider the possibility of increasing the honorarium paid to each member to CHF5,200 per session.

## **Financial implications**

2. An increase in the honorarium paid to each member of the Committee of Experts to CHF5,200 per session would involve additional expenditure of \$50,500 for a full biennium.
3. The amendments to the rules for the payment of travel expenses approved by the Governing Body in June 2014<sup>1</sup> apply to members of the Committee of Experts and it is estimated that the savings in travel costs for a full biennium, including 2014–15, will amount to \$57,000. Consequently, the proposed increase in the honorarium could be absorbed within existing budgetary provisions.

### ***Draft decision***

4. ***The Governing Body approves the proposed increase of the honorarium paid to each member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations from CHF4,000 to CHF5,200 per session.***

<sup>1</sup> GB.321/PV, para. 82.