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SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Complaint concerning non-observance by Fiji of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), made by delegates to the 102nd Session (2013) of the International Labour Conference under article 26 of the ILO Constitution

Addendum

Financial implications

1. In reference to document GB.323/INS/7(Rev.), should the Governing Body decide to exercise its powers under article 26, paragraph 4, of the Constitution to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, financial arrangements will need to be made to enable such a Commission to proceed with its work. This work will begin in the current biennium and continue into the next. There is no financial provision for inquiries under article 26 of the Constitution in the current financial period, nor is this included in the Director-General's Programme and Budget proposals for 2016–17.
2. The procedures of such a Commission normally involve initial sessions to settle procedural matters, travel by members of the Commission to gather further information and a final session for the adoption of the Commission's report. Resources will need to be provided for to cover the travel expenses, the production and publication of the Commission's report, and for supporting staff. It is also proposed to make provision for the payment to the three members of the Commission of an honorarium of US\$350 per day. On the basis of the normal pattern of work, it is estimated that the cost of the Commission will amount to some \$839,500, comprising:

	US\$
Travel	138 500
Honoraria	31 500
Staff costs	603 500
Printing, translation and miscellaneous	66 000
Total	839 500

3. It is proposed that the costs expected to be incurred for this Commission would in the first instance be financed, in the respective financial periods, from savings that might arise under Part I of the budget or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, Part II. Should this subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at later stages in the respective biennium.

Draft decision

4. *Should the Governing Body decide to appoint a Commission of Inquiry concerning Fiji as indicated in the draft decision of document GB.323/INS/7(Rev.), it further decides that:*
- (a) *an honorarium at the rate of \$350 per day be paid to each member of the Commission of Inquiry; and*
- (b) *the cost of the Commission, which is estimated at \$839,500, be financed from the appropriate budget for 2014–15 and 2016–17. In the first instance, this would be from savings that might arise under Part I of the budget or, failing that, through the use of the provision for unforeseen expenditure, Part II. Should this subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in each biennium.*