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Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Second report: Arrangements for the 10th European Regional Meeting

1. According to the Rules for Regional Meetings, adopted by the Governing Body at its 301st Session (March 2008) and confirmed by the International Labour Conference at its 97th Session (2008), the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda.
2. Further to informal consultations between the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey and the Office, the Minister of Labour and Social Security, Mr Faruk Çelik, addressed, on 1 June 2015, a letter to the Director-General, by which he confirmed the interest of his Government in hosting the 10th European Regional Meeting of the ILO in Turkey.
3. As a result of a mission led by the ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and the ILO Office in Ankara in September 2015, it was proposed that the European Regional Meeting be held from 2 to 5 October 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey. This proposal was endorsed by the Governing Body at its 325th Session (November 2015).¹
4. The official languages of the Meeting will be English, French, Spanish, German and Russian.
5. The proposed agenda of the Meeting is to discuss, on the basis of the Report of the Director-General, the economic, social and employment situation in the European and Central Asian region. The meeting will also cover the main policy responses to the economic and social developments and the lessons learned over the past four years.
6. The thematic and forward-looking part of the Report will focus on the drivers of change, opportunities and implications for the future of work in the region. More precisely, it is proposed to discuss the future of work initiative around four items of particular relevance for the region. These are: (i) sustainable growth, job creation and demographic changes with an

¹ GB.325/INF/1.

emphasis on labour market inclusion of young people and women as well as the need for an enabling environment for enterprises; (ii) migration issues in relation to promoting rights-based approaches, skills development and labour market integration; (iii) promotion of employment quality through an enabling legislative framework, with a focus on transition from informal to formal economy and workplace compliance and; (iv) making social protection systems sustainable for all. International labour standards, social dialogue, gender equality and non-discrimination will be central to these themes.

7. The Report of the Director-General will be supplemented by a short implementation report that will present the progress made over the last four years in the implementation of the Oslo Declaration, adopted at the ninth European Regional Meeting in Oslo in April 2013.
8. ***The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the proposed agenda and the arrangements for the 10th European Regional Meeting, as described in the above paragraphs.***