

Finance Committee of Government Representatives

Date: 17 November 2021

► Proposal for the funding of postponed 2020–21 meetings in the biennium 2022–23

1. At its 343rd Session (November 2021), the Governing Body considered an Office proposal to use part of the projected underspending for the 2020–21 biennium, amounting to US\$3,312,842, to finance the holding in 2022–23 of the meetings postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic, as listed in the appendix to document GB.343/PFA/5(Rev.1).¹
2. As an exceptional measure not regulated in the ILO Financial Rules and Financial Regulations, this proposed transfer of resources to the next biennium requires approval by the International Labour Conference as the supreme authority in budgetary matters.
3. In view of the unprecedented circumstances in 2020–21 created by the pandemic, the Governing Body supported the Office proposal on an exceptional basis and on the understanding that the decision would not create a precedent or continuing obligation for future ILO budget cycles. It decided by correspondence to submit a resolution to the Conference for adoption at the resumed part of its 109th Session.
4. The comments received from members of the Governing Body during the consideration of this matter by correspondence are available on the Governing Body website.²

Draft decision

5. **The Finance Committee decided to recommend that the Conference adopt the following resolution:**

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Noting that, for the biennium 2020–21, there is a significant projected underspending resulting from the cancellation or postponement of budgeted official meetings in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic,

Decides that, on an exceptional basis and owing to the unprecedented circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, part of the projected underspending for 2020–21, in the amount of US\$3,312,842, be used to finance the holding in 2022 or 2023 of meetings postponed from the biennium 2020–21, as listed in the appendix to document GB.343/PFA/5(Rev.1);

Notes that, with the above appropriation, the amount available for the 2020–21 financial period under article 18.2 of the Financial Regulations for reducing the assessed

¹ GB.343/PFA/5 (Rev.1).

² GB.343/PFA/5 (Rev.1)/Decision.

contributions of Member States will have been reduced by the same amount, expressed in Swiss francs; and

Delegates to the Governing Body the authority to deal with any residual financial issues arising out of the holding of these meetings.