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## Appendix I

### Delegation of authority to the Officers of the Governing Body

#### *Letter of 15 March 2020*

Dear members of the Governing Body,

In light of the decision not to hold the March Session of the Governing Body and after consulting the Officers of the Governing Body and the other members of the Screening Group, the Office would like to propose the following course of action regarding how and when to deal with the items placed on the agenda of the 338th Session.

The Officers of the Governing Body, in consultation with the Screening Group, consider the following agenda items to be non-controversial and requiring urgent action. They propose that these items be decided, on an exceptional basis and in accordance with the procedure below, by delegated authority from the Governing Body to the Officers of the Governing Body, in consultation with the tripartite Screening Group.

- Arrangements for the 109th Session of the Conference ([GB.338/INS/2/2](#))  
Yes  No
- Dates of the 17<sup>th</sup> Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting ([GB.338/INS/15/2](#))  
Yes  No
- Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings ([GB.338/INS/17](#))  
Yes  No
- Sectoral meetings held in 2019 and proposals for 2020–21 ([GB.338/POL/3](#))  
Yes  No
- Delegation of authority under article 18 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference ([GB.338/PFA/2](#))  
Yes  No
- Composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO ([GB.338/PFA/11/2](#))  
Yes  No
- Comprehensive review of the Conference Standing Orders ([GB.338/LILS/1](#))  
Yes  No

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**Consequently, I am now writing to seek the views of Governing Body members on the proposed delegation of authority to the Officers of the Governing Body to take decisions on all or some of the agenda items listed above in consultation with the tripartite Screening Group. In accordance with usual Governing Body practice, the Chairperson of the Governing Body will assess the responses received to determine if consensus exists. If the Chair considers that there is no consensus in respect of any of the above items, a count of the responses will be undertaken to determine if there is a simple majority of regular members in support of each proposed delegation of authority.**

**You can indicate your response by return email either with a message or an indication of yes or no next to each item above. The absence of a response will be deemed to be support for the proposed delegations of authority. To be considered, responses must be received by 18h00 (Geneva time) Wednesday, 18 March 2020.**

As regards all other items on the [agenda](#) of the 338<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Body, in line with the provisions of the Standing Orders of the Governing Body concerning the setting of its agenda, the tripartite Screening Group, and failing agreement within the Screening Group, the Officers of the Governing Body, will determine:

- those agenda items that could be referred to the May Session of the Governing Body that meets at the beginning of the International Labour Conference on Monday 25 May;
- those that could be considered at the June session of the Governing Body that meets immediately after the Conference, and
- those whose consideration could be deferred to a further session of the Governing Body at the same time as the Screening Group determines the agenda of the 340<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Body (October-November 2020).

The results of this decision-making process by correspondence, as well as of any decisions made subsequently under delegated authority, will be communicated in due course to all members of the Governing Body and announced on the Webpage of the Governing Body of the ILO.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Ryder

**Director-General**

## Results of the ballot of 15–18 March

REGULAR MEMBERS/MEMBRES TITULAIRES/MIEMBROS TITULARES				DEPUTY MEMBERS/MEMBRES ADJOINTS/MIEMBROS ADJUNTOS			
GOVERNMENTS GOUVERNEMENTS GOBIERNOS	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE REPONSE SIN RESPUESTA	GOVERNMENTS GOUVERNEMENTS GOBIERNOS	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE REPONSE SIN RESPUESTA
Azerbaijan	X			Australia	X	INS/2/2	
Bahrain	X			Bangladesh			X
Barbados	X			Brunei Darussalam			X
Brasil	X			Bulgaria	X		
Canada			X	Cameroun	X	POL/3 and LILS/1	
Chile	X			Cuba	X		
China	X			Czechia	X		
Côte d'Ivoire	X			Ecuador	X		
Ethiopia			X	Eswatini			X
France	X			Finland	X		
Germany	X			Greece	X		
India			X	Guatemala			X
Iran (Islamic Republic of)			X	Indonesia	X		
Ireland			X	Iraq			X
Italy	X			Maroc			X
Japan	X	POL/3 (c) and (d)		México	X		
Korea (Republic of)	X			Myanmar			X
Lesotho	X			Namibia			X
Mauritanie			X	Nepal	X		
Panamá			X	Nigeria	X		
Perú			X	Paraguay		All seven	
Poland	X	POL/3 (c) and (d)		Romania			X
Russian Federation			X	Rwanda	X	INS/2/2	
Sénégal			X	Saudi Arabia	X		
Tchad			X	Suisse	X		
Thailand			X	Turkey	X		
United Kingdom	X			Uganda	X		
United States	X	POL/3		Uruguay	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>

REGULAR MEMBERS/MEMBRES TITULAIRES/MIEMBROS TITULARES				DEPUTY MEMBERS/MEMBRES ADJOINTS/MIEMBROS ADJUNTOS			
EMPLOYERS EMPLOYEURS EMPLEADORES	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE RÉPONSE SIN RESPUESTA	EMPLOYERS EMPLOYEURS EMPLEADORES	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE RÉPONSE SIN RESPUESTA
Mr Scott BARKLAMB	X			Mr Adnan ABU EL RAGHEB			X
M. Hamidou DIOP	X			Mr Farooq AHMED	X		
Mr Rajeev DUBEY	X			Mme Joséphine ANDRIAMAMONJIARISON	X		
Sr. Alberto ECHAVARRÍA	X			Mr John BECKETT	X		
Ms Renate HORNUNG-DRAUS	X			Sr. Pablo DRAGÚN	X		
Sr. José María LACASA ASO			X	M. Khelil GHARIANI			X
Mr Thomas MACKALL	X			Mr Vern GILL			X
Mr Hiroyuki MATSUI			X	Mr Chariton KYRIAZIS			X
Mr Khalifa MATTAR	X			Ms Hansong LIU	X		
Mr Mthunzi MDWABA	X			Sr. Juan MAILHOS			X
M. El Mahfoudh MEGATELI	X			M. Blaise MATTHEY			X
Mr Henrik MUNTHE	X			Ms Marina MOSKVINA			X
Mme Anne VAUCHEZ			X	Ms Jacqueline MUGO			X
Sr. Fernando YLLANES			X	M. Koffi N'DRI			X
				Mr Olusegun OSHINOWO			X
				Sr. Guido RICCI	X		
				Mr Ton SCHOENMAECKERS	X		
				Mr Joze SMOLE			X
				Mr Ancheta TAN	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
WORKERS TRAVAILLEURS TRABAJADORES	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE RÉPONSE SIN RESPUESTA	WORKERS TRAVAILLEURS TRABAJADORES	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE RÉPONSE SIN RESPUESTA
Mr Francis ATWOLI			X	Sr. Antonio AMANCIO VALE			X
Ms Silvana CAPPUCCIO			X	Mr Zahoor AWAN			X
Mr R. Pillai CHANDRASEKHARAN			X	Ms Amanda BROWN			X
Ms Marie CLARKE WALKER			X	Ms Annette CHIPELEME			X
M. Luc CORTEBEECK	X			Mr Plamen DIMITROV			X
Sra. Maria Fernanda FRANCISCO			X	Mme Amal EL AMRI			X
Ms Akiko GONO			X	Sra. Eulogia FAMILIA	X		
Mr Guangping JIANG			X	Sra. Rosa Elena FLEREZ GONZÁLEZ			X
Sr. Gerardo MARTINEZ			X	M. Mody GUIRO			X
Ms Catelene PASSCHIER			X	Mr Said IQBAL			X
Mr Kelly ROSS			X	Ms Mary LIEW KIAH ENG	X		
M. Bernard THIBAUT			X	Ms Claudia MENNE			X
Mr Ayuba WABBA			X	Ms Toni MOORE			X
Mr Richard WAGSTAFF			X	M. Modeste NDONGALA	X		
				Mr Magnus NORDDAHL			X
				Mr Bheki NTSHALINTSHALI			X
				Ms Binda PANDEY			X
				Mr Mohammed Shaher SAED	X		
				Mr Alexey ZHARKOV			X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

TOTAL	YES OUI SÍ	NO NON NO	NO RESPONSE PAS DE REPOSE SIN RESPUESTA
Regular members /membres titulaires / miembros titulares	27	3	29
Deputy members /membres adjoints / miembros adjuntos	30	4	35
All members / tous les membres / todos los miembros	57	7	64

## Comments from Governing Body members

<b>Australia</b>	Given the information currently available, we are delegating authority on all items except “Arrangements for the 109th Session of the Conference” (GB.338/INS/2/2). We believe in these circumstances that there is further discussion required to establish the arrangements. Most notably, when this year’s scheduled session of the International Labour Conference should take place and, in particular, how the Committee on the Application of Standards (CAS) and Governing Body elections will be dealt with in the event the session of the Conference is postponed.
<b>Brazil</b>	It is noted, however, that, in accordance with the agreement at the meeting of Officers with the other members of the tripartite Screening Group on 13 March 2020, delegation of authority for this agenda item is on the understanding that it will initially only be used by the Officers, in consultation with the Screening Group, with reference to the sectoral meetings planned up to and including June 2020 (that is, subparagraph (a) of the draft decision). For all other sectoral meetings, it was agreed in the meeting of 13 March that the delegation of authority would be applied only in the event that the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference cannot be held on the dates originally planned (25 May to 5 June 2020). If possible, the decision should be made by the Governing Body at its next session. Moreover, it is understood that under no circumstances should the decision on the topic of a possible additional sectoral meeting in the 2020–21 be taken under the delegation of authority accorded to the Officers with respect to item GB.338/POL/3.
<b>Germany</b>	We are confident that the positions presented by our Regional Coordinators during the Screening Group meetings on our behalf will be duly taken into consideration and implemented.
<b>Indonesia</b>	With regard to the preparation for the 109th Session of the Conference, with the assumption that it will still take place, I would like to convey the message from our capital to request the ILO to discuss the possibility to limit the number of delegations with access to the session and to put health screening in place for those delegations.
<b>Mexico</b>	Sectoral meetings (document GB.338/POL/3): para. 11(a) – in favour in the proposed wording; para. 11(b) – in favour of appointing one of the members of the Governing Body as Chairperson; para. 11(c) – in favour in the proposed wording; para. 11(d) – it is suggested that the additional meeting be a technical meeting or a meeting of experts on another sector-specific issue. Standing Orders of the Conference (document GB.338/LILS/1): in favour of organizing at least two more rounds of tripartite consultations. However, it is suggested that the dates of these meetings be adjusted and that the consolidated text of proposed amendments be submitted to the March 2021 session of the Governing Body.
<b>Poland</b>	As far as item GB.338/POL/3 is concerned, taking into consideration the dynamic situation we face and the discussion this item requires, Poland delegates to the Officers of the Governing Body the authority to take the decision in clauses a) and b) of the draft decision.
<b>Uruguay</b>	We understand that, in this case, the delegation of matters to the Officers comes in response to the exceptional postponement of the Governing Body and that, in general, this option must be limited so as to enable all matters to be addressed and decided on by the entire membership of the Governing Body. Consequently, and in accordance with the agreement at the most recent meeting of the Screening Group, in the case of agenda item POL/3, we understand that, in principle, the delegation of authority is to decide on subparagraph (a) of the draft decision on this matter and that the decision on the three other subparagraphs, (b), (c) and (d), will depend on whether or not the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference will go ahead.