



FIFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Information Technology Systems Fund**(b) Financial arrangements for the replacement of the electronic voting system**

1. The Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards (LILS) has before it, at its present session, a proposal to replace the electronic voting system and to introduce new information technology at the International Labour Conference.¹ Should the LILS Committee recommend to the Governing Body that it approve the proposal, financial arrangements will have to be made.
2. The electronic voting system was installed nine years ago and requires upgrading. The hardware controlling the voting stations is obsolete and replacement parts can no longer be obtained. The renewal of the system will offer greater adaptability as well as closer integration with the conference management system. It will also enable committees of the Conference, the Governing Body and other ILO institutions to make full use of its capabilities. The estimated cost of the replacement of the obsolete components of the electronic voting system and the acquisition of appropriate software is some US\$600,000. The precise cost would only be known following a formal bidding process.
3. The Director-General therefore proposes that, subject to the Governing Body's decision on the transfer of part of the 2000-01 surplus to the Information Technology Systems Fund,² authorization be given to charge this cost to the Fund.
4. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that should it approve the proposed transfer to the Information Technology Systems Fund, it approve the use of up to US\$600,000 from the Fund for the replacement of the electronic voting system and for further development of information technology at the Conference.*

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Point for decision: Paragraph 4.

¹ GB.285/LILS/1.

² GB.285/PFA/9.