

NAL LABOUR OFFICE

Governing Body

289th Session

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SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Date, place and agenda of the International Labour Conference

Date of opening of the 93rd Session (2005) of the Conference

- **1.** At its 286th (March 2003) Session, the Governing Body decided that the 93rd Session (June 2005) of the International Labour Conference should open on Tuesday, 7 June 2005. ¹
- 2. It has been established practice to schedule the Conference in such a way that it opens as early as possible in June and approximately one week following the close of the World Health Assembly (WHA) held in the same premises of the Palais des Nations in Geneva. This recently intensified form of cooperation with the World Health Organization has permitted the Office to gain appreciable efficiencies in the servicing of the Conference, inter alia, through the shared hire of information technology equipment.
- **3.** For the purpose of continuing this practice, which requires leaving as short a space of time as possible between the closing of the WHA and the opening of the ILC, it would appear advisable to bring forward the opening of the 93rd Session of the Conference by one week.
- 4. Given the aforementioned considerations, and in endeavours to enhance the efficiency of Conference servicing, the Governing Body may wish to modify its previous decision and to decide that the 93rd Session (2005) of the International Labour Conference will open on Tuesday, 31 May 2005.

Geneva, 24 February 2004.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.

¹ GB.286/3/1, para. 1.

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