



FOR INFORMATION

SIXTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

First Supplementary Report: Appointment of an Executive Director

1. In accordance with the Staff Regulations, appointments at the Assistant Director-General level are made by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body. On entering upon duties, an Executive Director shall make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty before the Governing Body in public session.
2. After duly consulting the Officers of the Governing Body, the Director-General has appointed Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs as Executive Director of the Employment Sector, with effect from 15 August 2005.
3. This appointment is communicated to the Governing Body for information. A brief statement concerning the qualifications and previous activities of Mr. Salazar-Xirinachs is given overleaf.

Geneva, 19 October 2005.

Submitted for information.

Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs (Costa Rica)

Appointed Executive Director of the Employment Sector effective 15 August 2005.
Born in 1953.

Prior to joining the ILO, Mr. Salazar-Xirinachs was Chief Trade Adviser and Director of the Trade Unit (in 2004 became Office of Trade, Growth and Competitiveness) at the Organization of American States (OAS) (1998-2005), supporting OAS member States in matters related to trade policy and economic integration, in particular, negotiating a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Salazar-Xirinachs was Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica, a period that included Costa Rica's chairmanship of the FTAA process. From 1994 to 1997, he served as Executive Director of the Federation of Private Entities of Central America and Panama (FEDEPRICAP) and from 1990 to 1994, as the Federation's Chief Economist. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Costa Rica from 1995 to 1997. From 1988 to 1990, he was Executive President of the Costa Rican Development Corporation.

Mr. Salazar-Xirinachs has a Masters of Philosophy Degree in Development Economics, and a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom; he also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Costa Rica. He has taught at the University of Costa Rica, the National University of Heredia, Costa Rica, Cambridge University, United Kingdom, and Georgetown University, Washington DC. He is the author of numerous publications on development, trade and competitiveness policies, and has edited two books.