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Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Second report: Arrangements for the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting

1. According to the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, adopted by the Governing Body at its 301st Session (March 2008) and confirmed by the 97th Session (June 2008) of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda.
2. Following informal consultations held by ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the Minister of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr Hanif Dhakiri, addressed, on 25 May 2015, a letter to the Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, by which he confirmed the interest of his Government in hosting the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting. At its 324th Session (June 2015), the Governing Body therefore approved the proposal to hold the forthcoming Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting in Indonesia during the last quarter of 2016.
3. Further to informal exchanges with the ILO Country Office in Jakarta, it was proposed that the Regional Meeting be held in Bali, Indonesia, from 6 to 9 December 2016.
4. The official languages of the Meeting will be English, Arabic and Chinese.
5. The proposed agenda of the meeting is to review, on the basis of the Report of the Director-General, progress made on the Asian Decent Work Decade (adopted by constituents in 2006), assess the evolving economic and social circumstances and identify bottlenecks hampering further progress so as to better implement and realize the ILO's Decent Work Agenda in the region. Furthermore, as 2016 is the first year of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework, the Meeting will consider how to promote equitable and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work (proposed SDG goal 8).

Draft decision

6. *The Officers recommend that the Governing Body approve the proposed dates, venue, agenda and arrangements for the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting, as described in the above paragraphs.*