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SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Arrangements for the Tenth European Regional Meeting

1. At its 326th Session (March 2016), the Governing Body accepted the invitation of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey to host the Tenth European Regional Meeting from 2 to 5 October 2017, in Istanbul, Turkey.¹
2. At the 329th Session of the Governing Body (March 2017), the Chairperson of the Workers' group made a statement to the Governing Body expressing concern at the trade union, labour rights and political situation in Turkey and its potential impact on the Regional Meeting. He informed the Governing Body that the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) had proposed that the Regional Meeting be postponed, but noted that he understood that the Government and Employers' groups wished to retain the date and location of the meeting. He further informed the Governing Body that the Workers' group would consult with trade unions in the region with a view to deciding on the participation of the Workers' group in the Regional Meeting.²
3. In April 2017, the ITUC and the ETUC requested the Workers' group to refer their proposal for postponing the Regional Meeting or changing its venue to the 330th Session of the Governing Body (June 2017). They indicated that in the absence of such a decision they would call on their member organizations not to attend the Regional Meeting. The Officers of the Governing Body, after consulting the Screening Group, decided to place an additional item regarding the Tenth European Regional Meeting on the agenda of the 330th Session of the Governing Body (17 June 2017).

¹ [GB.326/INS/16/2](#).

² GB.329/PV/Draft, para. 383.

Draft decision

4. *The Governing Body is invited to decide on the follow-up to be given to the proposed postponement or change of venue of the Tenth European Regional Meeting.*