



Governing Body

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THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Appointment of the Governing Body committees and working parties and of the Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin

1. Following the elections to the Governing Body at the International Labour Conference, it is necessary for the Governing Body at the present session to make a number of decisions regarding its Committee on Freedom of Association as well as other committees, subcommittees and working parties appointed by it pursuant to paragraph 4.2.1 of its Standing Orders.¹
2. Under the Statute of the International Training Centre of the ILO, the Governing Body is also responsible for appointing from amongst its members a certain number of the members of the Centre's Board.

Committee on Freedom of Association

3. The Committee on Freedom of Association has a fixed membership of three regular members and three substitute members from each of the three groups.
4. Nominations from the three groups will be provided in an addendum to this document once they become available.

¹ "The Governing Body may appoint a committee, subcommittee or working party to consider specific matters. The Governing Body shall determine the composition, mandate and duration of any such committee, subcommittee or working party."

Draft decision

- 5. The Governing Body appoints for the 2017–20 period the Governing Body members mentioned in the Addendum, as well as those communicated orally, as members of the Committee on Freedom of Association.*

Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference

6. At its 305th Session (June 2009), the Governing Body decided that:
- (a) a Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference would be established to consider how the governance functions of these could be improved in the light of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, 2008;
 - (b) the Working Party would consist of 16 Government members, eight Employer members and eight Worker members, to be appointed by each group. Other members of the Governing Body could participate in an observer capacity, with permission to speak on authorization by the Chairperson.²
7. The mandate of the Working Party was expanded in 2011 to also encompass the review of the functioning and role of Regional Meetings.³
8. While the review of the functioning of the Governing Body was completed in March 2015,⁴ the Working Party has kept under review the ongoing reform of the Conference, and it started in March 2016 the review of Regional Meetings. Thus, the draft agenda of the 331st Session of the Governing Body (November 2017) approved by the Screening Group includes consideration of improvements in the functioning of the Conference and the continuation of the review of the role and functioning of Regional Meetings. In addition, an item related to the composition of the Governing Body and the 1986 Instrument for the amendment of the Constitution of the ILO has also been identified for consideration by the Working Party.
9. In these circumstances, the Governing Body may wish to renew the mandate of the Working Party to pursue the review of the above matters. The members appointed by the three groups will be provided in an addendum to this document once they become available.

Draft decision

- 10. The Governing Body notes the appointment of the 32 members of the Working Party on the functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference made by the three groups mentioned in the Addendum, or communicated orally.*

² GB.305/PV, para. 62 and GB.305/4.

³ GB.311/8, para. 4(a).

⁴ GB.323/WP/GBC/2.

Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group

11. At its 323rd Session (March 2015), in the context of the Standards Initiative, the Governing Body decided to establish under the Standards Review Mechanism (SRM) a tripartite working group composed of a Chairperson and 32 members: 16 representing Governments, eight representing Employers and eight representing Workers.⁵
12. Under the terms of reference of the SRM Tripartite Working Group, its Chairperson and members shall be appointed for a period coinciding with the term of the Governing Body. They do not need to be members of the Governing Body. The Chairperson of the SRM Tripartite Working Group is appointed on the nomination of the Government group. Its 32 members are appointed by the respective groups.⁶

Draft decision

13. *The Governing Body:*

- (a) *appoints for the 2017–20 period the Chairperson of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group nominated by the Government group;*
- (b) *notes the appointment of the 32 members of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group for the 2017–20 period made by the three groups and listed in the Addendum or communicated orally.*

Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin

14. Article III, paragraph 2 of the Statute of the International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin states:

The Board shall consist of:

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(c) twenty-four members appointed by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office from amongst its own members; 12 from the Government group, including six from among the representatives of the ten Members of the International Labour Organization of chief industrial importance; six from the Employers' group; and six from the Workers' group. These members shall be appointed for terms of three years unless their membership of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office ends sooner;

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15. Nominations from the three groups will be included in an addendum to this document as they become available.

⁵ GB.323/PV, para. 84(e) and GB.323/INS/5.

⁶ GB.325/LILS/3.

Draft decision

16. *The Governing Body appoints 24 of its members – 12 from the Government group (including six from among the representatives of the ten Members of the International Labour Organization of chief industrial importance), as well as six from each of the other two groups, mentioned in the Addendum or communicated orally – as members of the Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO, Turin, for the 2017-20 period.*