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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Technical Meeting on Effective Governance to Promote Decent Work in Global Supply Chains (Geneva, 25–28 February 2020)

Background

1. The Governing Body at its 328th Session (October–November 2016) addressed the resolution of the 105th Session of the International Labour Conference (2016) on decent work in global supply chains. ¹ The Governing Body requested that, after a midterm report, the Office organize a meeting pursuant to paragraph 25 of the 2016 International Labour Conference conclusions concerning decent work in global supply chains (format to be determined). ²
2. Paragraph 25 of the International Labour Conference resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains reads as follows:

There is concern that current ILO standards may not be fit for purpose to achieve decent work in global supply chains. Therefore, the ILO should review this issue and convene, as soon as appropriate, by decision of the Governing Body, a technical tripartite meeting or a meeting of experts to:

¹ [GB.328/INS/5/1](#).

² [Dec-GB.328/INS/5/1\(Add\)](#).

- (a) Assess the failures which lead to decent work deficits in global supply chains.
 - (b) Identify the salient challenges of governance to achieving decent work in global supply chains.
 - (c) Consider what guidance, programmes, measures, initiatives or standards are needed to promote decent work and/or facilitate reducing decent work deficits in global supply chains.³
3. Following consultations and in accordance with the new Standing Orders for tripartite meetings adopted in 2018, the Governing Body is invited to determine the date, length, place, composition and the form of the results of the proceedings of the meeting.

Date, length, place, and form of the results of the proceedings of the tripartite meeting

4. Following consultations, the Director-General proposes that:
- the meeting be held from 25 to 28 February 2020 at ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland;
 - the meeting will have as output a report on its conclusions, which will be submitted to the Governing Body at its 340th Session (October–November 2020).

Composition

5. During the consultations, no consensus emerged as to the form and composition of the meeting. The Governing Body is accordingly invited to determine whether the meeting should be convened as a technical meeting or as a meeting of experts and, depending on the format, the meeting's composition.
6. Regardless of the format of the meeting, the Director-General proposes that the intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations indicated in the appendix be invited.
7. Regarding the Chairperson, the Office proposes to identify an independent Chairperson.

Draft decision

8. ***The Governing Body decided that the meeting be convened as a [technical meeting or a meeting of experts].***
9. ***The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, approved the holding of a meeting on effective governance to promote decent work in global supply chains, the dates, venue, and composition proposed as well as the list of organizations to be invited as indicated in the appendix, and requested the Office to identify an independent Chairperson.***

³ [Resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains.](#)

Proposed invitations of intergovernmental organizations and international non-government organizations to official meetings

10. Invitation of observers to official meetings other than the International Labour Conference are determined according to the following criteria:
- (i) Intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite on the basis of a standing arrangement with the ILO. These organizations are presented for information only.
 - (ii) Intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, as authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body.
 - (iii) International non-governmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, subject to authorization by the Governing Body.

Draft decision

11. *The Governing Body endorses the proposals made in the appended table (appendix) relating to the invitation of international non-governmental organizations as observers to the meetings listed therein.*

Part II. Programme of meetings for the remainder of 2019, 2020, and advance information for 2021

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
2019		
6–7 June	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
10–21 June	108th (Centenary) Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
22 June	336th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
3–5 July ¹	Technical Meeting to Promote an Exchange of Views on the Further Development and Implementation of the Integrated Strategy to Address Decent Work Deficits in the Tobacco Sector	Kampala
23–27 September ²	Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Code of Practice or Guidelines on Best Practices in Road Transport Safety	Geneva
23–27 September ³	Fifth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
7–9 October	Workers' Symposium: The ILO Centenary: Workers' Perspective for Social Justice	
24 October–7 November	337th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
20 November–7 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
3–5 December ²	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport	Geneva
3–6 December ⁴	14th African Regional Meeting	Abidjan
2020		
25–28 February (tbc) ⁵	Technical Meeting on Effective Governance to Promote Decent Work in Global Supply Chains	Geneva
12–26 March	338th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
21–22 May	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
25 May–5 June	109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
6 June	339th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
29 October–12 November	340th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
25 November–12 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva

¹ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019) ([GB.335/INS/16](#)).

² Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) ([GB.329/POL/4](#), Appendix II), 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([dec-GB.334/INS/15\(Rev.\)](#)) and 335th Session (March 2019) ([GB.335/POL/3](#)).

³ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([dec-GB.334/LILS/3](#)).

⁴ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([dec-GB.334/INS/14/1](#)).

⁵ Further to the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 328th Session (October–November 2016) ([dec-GB.328/INS/5/1\(Add.\)](#)) and subject to confirmation by the Governing Body at its 336th Session (June 2019).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
2021 (advance information)		
11–25 March	341st Session of the Governing Body (tbc)	Geneva
31 May–18 June	110th Session of the International Labour Conference ⁶	Geneva
12 or 18 June	342nd Session of the Governing Body (tbc)	Geneva
28 October–11 November	343rd Session of the Governing Body (tbc)	Geneva

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- 12. The Governing Body takes note of the programme of meetings, as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body, subject to decisions yet to be adopted, (as described in the footnotes).***

⁶ Subject to confirmation of the dates of the World Health Assembly.

Appendix

Title and dates of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (by standing arrangement)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
<p>108th (Centenary) Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 10–21 June 2019)</p> <p>In addition to those approved at the 335th Session of the Governing Body (March 2019)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Conférence Inter africaine de la Prévoyance Sociale (CIPRES) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ibero-American General Secretariat/Secretaría General Iberoamericana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Occupational Hygiene Association ■ International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) ■ Trade Union International of Metal and Mining ■ World Economic Forum
<p>Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport (Geneva, 3–5 December 2019)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Council of Europe ■ European Commission ■ UNESCO ■ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commonwealth Games Federation ■ Global Association of International Sports Federations ■ International Olympic Committee ■ International Paralympic Committee ■ World Anti-Doping Agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Centre for Sport and Human Rights ■ UNI Global Union <p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation ■ International Organisation of Employers <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Association of National Olympic Committees ■ Fédération internationale de l'automobile ■ Fédération Internationale de Football Association ■ Fédération internationale de gymnastique ■ Fédération internationale de hockey ■ Fédération internationale de volleyball ■ International Association of Athletics Federations ■ International Basketball Federation ■ International Cricket Council ■ International Golf Federation ■ International Handball Federation ■ International Ice Hockey Federation ■ International Netball Federation

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<p>14th African Regional Meeting (Abidjan, 3–6 December 2019)</p> <p>In addition to the list of organizations already invited to be represented as observers, as approved by the Governing Body at its 334th and 335th Sessions</p> <p>GB.334/INS/15(Rev.) and GB.335/INS/16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UNESCO 	<p>Regional organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African SIDS – Small Island Developing States ■ Arab Maghreb Union ■ Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) ■ Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) ■ Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) ■ East African Community (EAC) ■ Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) ■ Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) ■ Pan African Parliament ■ Pan African Productivity Association ■ Union pour la Méditerranée (UPM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Skating Union ■ International Swimming Federation ■ International Tennis Federation ■ Rugby League International Federation ■ Union Cycliste Internationale ■ Union of European Football Associations ■ World Baseball Softball Confederation ■ World Rugby <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ East African Trade Union Confederation ■ Organization of Trade Unions of West Africa (OTUWA) ■ Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
<p>Technical Meeting on Effective Governance to Promote Decent Work in Global Supply Chains (Geneva, 25–28 February 2020)</p>	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ■ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) ■ West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) ■ World Trade Organization (WTO) 	<p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation ■ International Organisation of Employers

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