



EIGHTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Composition and agenda of standing  
bodies and meetings**

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## Joint ILO/WHO Meeting on the Revision of the International Medical Guide for Ships (Geneva, 25–26 July 2007)

1. At its 258th Session (November 1993), the Governing Body took note of the report of the Seventh Session of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on the Health of Seafarers and in particular of its conclusion that the *International Medical Guide for Ships* (IMGS) (second edition) should be revised by a committee consisting of nautical doctors and shipowner and seafarer representatives (Geneva, May 1993).<sup>1</sup> At its 298th Session (March 2007), the Governing Body took note of an oral report on the ongoing revision by the World Health Organization (WHO) of the *International Medical Guide for Ships* (IMGS).<sup>2</sup> Further to these decisions it is now proposed to convene in July 2007 a Joint ILO/WHO Meeting of two calendar days, serviced jointly by the International Labour Office and the WHO secretariat. This Meeting would not involve any additional budgetary implication.

### Composition

2. It is proposed that the Meeting be attended by three competent medical specialists (nautical doctors) nominated by the WHO and three representatives nominated by the Shipowners' and Seafarers' groups of the Joint Maritime Commission.
3. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

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4. The purpose of the Meeting would be to examine the draft third edition of the IMGS with a view to approving its production by the WHO as a joint WHO/IMO/ILO publication urgently before November 2007. The results of the Meeting would be reported to the 300th Session (November 2007) of the Governing Body.
5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

### Invitation of an intergovernmental organization

6. The Director-General intends to invite the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.

<sup>1</sup> See GB.258/205, para. 60. See also GB.258/9/11, para. 25 and GB.258/STM/3/4, paras 5(g), 6(b)(iii) and the appended report of the Seventh Session of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on the Health of Seafarers (May 1993), paras 22–23.

<sup>2</sup> See GB.298/12 (March 2007), paras 103–107.

## **Symposium on the Labour and Social Aspects of Global Production Systems: Issues for Business** (Geneva, 17–19 October 2007)

### **Composition**

7. At its 298th Session (March 2007), the Governing Body approved the composition of the Symposium,<sup>3</sup> which will be attended by representatives of 30 employers' organizations from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab region, nominated after consultation with the Employers' group of the Governing Body. Enterprises which are interested in following the Symposium will be invited to participate as observers, at their own cost.

### **Agenda**

8. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
  - Global production systems: trends, prospects and opportunities for business to contribute to economic and social development
  - Rules of the game: the regulation of global production systems
  - Social and labour standards in the supply chain
  - The role of business associations
9. The purpose of the Symposium is to help employers' organizations to improve the policy environment so that global production systems provide opportunities for everybody to benefit, leading to progress towards the global goal of decent work for women and men everywhere.
10. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

## **ILO Forum on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization** (Lisbon, 31 October–2 November 2007)

11. The report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization suggested amongst other things that a "Globalization Policy Forum" be convened "to bring together the agencies of the multilateral system, and in particular the United Nations and its specialized agencies, with other organizations, groups and individuals that are concerned with the social dimension of globalization".<sup>4</sup> This idea was discussed at the 92nd Session (June 2004) of the International Labour Conference and subsequently within the Working Party on the Social Dimension of Globalization, which examined in November 2004, a range of options for ILO follow-up to the Commission's report. Following further discussion and development of the idea at subsequent Working Party meetings, it was

<sup>3</sup> GB.298/17.

<sup>4</sup> *Report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization*, para. 620.

agreed, at the 295th Session (March 2006) of the Governing Body, to proceed with the preparation, in full consultation with the Officers, of a forum aimed at continuing the constructive discussion of shaping a fair globalization with decent work and contributing to the ILO's efforts in this regard. In further consultations a consensus emerged for the title of the event to be ILO Forum on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization.

12. At the 298th Session (March 2007) of the Governing Body, a report on preparations was considered by the Working Party on the Social Dimension of Globalization.<sup>5</sup> This progress report referred to the discussions held with the Minister for Labour and Social Solidarity of Portugal and to the joint understanding reached on the proposal of Portugal hosting the ILO Forum on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization, during the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union, in the second half of 2007. It was further agreed that the most suitable time and place for the event would be 1–2 November 2007 in Lisbon which would facilitate the participation of most Governing Body members in the Forum. Following further consultations an understanding was reached that, in order to increase the time available for discussion, the opening session of the Forum should be scheduled for the late afternoon of 31 October 2007. This event would be co-financed by the ILO and the Government of Portugal.

## Composition

13. The Director-General proposes that titular members of the Governing Body, or their deputies, attending the 300th Session (November 2007) of the Governing Body be invited to the Forum. He also proposes that ten additional Employer and Worker representatives, nominated by their respective groups, be invited to the Forum.
14. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

## Agenda

15. The Director-General proposes that six topics be discussed in parallel sessions. The themes for the sessions would be:
- Employability: Education, skills development and technology
  - Upgrading work and enterprises in the informal economy
  - Migration for work, within borders and internationally
  - Social protection policies for social cohesion and economic development
  - Policy coherence among international organizations
  - Decent work opportunities for young women and men: Overcoming discrimination and disadvantage
16. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

<sup>5</sup> GB.298/WP/SDG/3.

**Invitation of intergovernmental organizations**

17. The Director-General intends to invite around 25 representatives of intergovernmental organizations to attend the Forum as observers. Among the organizations to be considered are:

- African Development Bank;
- African Union;
- Asian Development Bank;
- Council of Europe;
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- Economic Commission for Europe (ECE);
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- European Commission (EC);
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- Inter-American Development Bank;
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF);
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU);
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
- Organization of American States (OAS);
- Organisation for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD);
- United Nations;
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO);
- World Bank;
- World Health Organization (WHO);
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

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## Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

18. The Director-General proposes that some 80–90 representatives of international non-governmental organizations, including parliamentarians and local authorities, be invited to the Forum as observers. Among the organizations to be considered are:

- Amnesty International;
- Anti-Slavery Society;
- Ashoka Foundation;
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace;
- Conference of NGOs (CONGO);
- Consumers International;
- Dag Hammarskjold Foundation;
- Ethical Globalization Initiative;
- Ethical Trading Initiative;
- Fair Labour Association;
- Fairtrade Foundation;
- Friends of the Earth;
- Global Reporting Initiative;
- Human Rights Watch;
- International Alliance of Women;
- International Association for Community Development;
- International Centre for Trade and Development;
- International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE);
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives;
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA);
- International Council of Women;
- International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW);
- International Youth Foundation;
- Islamic Aid;
- OXFAM International;
- Social Watch;
- Solidar;
- Tebtebba – Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education;

- Third World Network;
- Transparency International;
- United Cities and Local Governments (merger of World Federation of United Cities (FMCU) and International Union of Local Authorities (IULA));
- Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO);
- World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS);
- World Assembly of Youth;
- World Council for Sustainable Business;
- World Council of Churches;
- World Development Movement;
- World Forum of Civil Society Networks (UBUNTU);
- Youth Business International.

**19.** *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers and that he continue to consult with them in selecting those organizations.*

### **30th anniversary of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (Geneva, 15–16 November 2007)**

**20.** During its 292nd Session (March 2005), the Subcommittee on Multinational Enterprises recommended that the Governing Body “include in its proposals for use of the Technical Meetings Reserve in 2006–07 a proposal to organize a forum on corporate social responsibility (CSR) on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration)”. At its 295th Session (March 2006), the Governing Body approved a provision for a forum which would be held in Geneva and, in order to reduce its cost, would immediately follow or precede the 300th Session (November 2007) of the Governing Body.<sup>6</sup>

#### **Composition**

**21.** The Director-General proposes that the meeting be attended by the Governing Body members of the Subcommittee on Multinational Enterprises. A number of leading multinational enterprises would be invited to make presentations by senior management and workers’ representatives. In addition to those participants, around 100 additional multinational enterprises would be invited to participate at their own cost. The selection of companies would be made in close consultation with ILO constituents, especially with the Officers of the Subcommittee on Multinational Enterprises.

<sup>6</sup> GB.295/PFA/3.

**22. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.***

## **Agenda**

**23.** The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the meeting:

- To share and exchange “effective practices” that illustrate how the principles of the MNE Declaration are put into practice at the company level
- To raise the awareness of the MNE Declaration and promote its better use in the business world
- To identify what companies expect from the ILO in supporting their efforts to improve labour conditions

**24. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.***

## **Invitation of intergovernmental organizations**

**25.** The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers:

- European Commission;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- United Nations Global Compact Office.

## **Invitation of international non-governmental organizations**

**26.** The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers:

- Ethical Trading Initiative; and
- Social Accountability International.

**27. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers.***



## **Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics**

(Geneva, 3–6 December 2007)

### **Composition**

28. At its 298th Session (March 2007), the Governing Body approved the proposed composition formula<sup>7</sup> and decided that the Meeting be attended by 16 experts nominated after consultations with Governments, eight after consultations with the Employers' group, and eight after consultations with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. The experts nominated should be well acquainted with the items on the agenda.
29. In order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of Austria, Barbados, Botswana, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Ghana, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

### **Invitation of intergovernmental organizations**

30. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations which invitation has already been reported to the Governing Body in March 2007,<sup>7</sup> the Director-General also intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- Andean Community;
  - Common Market of the Southern Cone (MERCOSUR);
  - Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
  - Inter-American Development Bank;
  - Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR);
  - International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
  - Southern African Development Community (SADC);
  - United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
  - World Health Organization (WHO);
  - World Trade Organization (WTO).

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*Points for decision:* Paragraph 3; Paragraph 19;  
Paragraph 5; Paragraph 22;  
Paragraph 10; Paragraph 24;  
Paragraph 14; Paragraph 27.  
Paragraph 16;

<sup>7</sup> GB.298/17.