

**FOR INFORMATION**

## FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Purpose, duration and composition of the activities to be held in 2008–09 and new proposals for activities in 2008–09**

1. At the 298th Session (March 2007) of the Governing Body, the Committee discussed the future orientation of the Sectoral Activities Programme.<sup>1</sup> The Governing Body approved the Committee's recommendation to set priorities of the Sectoral Activities Programme through the creation of groupings of sectors and of advisory bodies. It decided that advisory bodies, composed of constituents and supported by the Office, would review the content and type of sectoral activities and make recommendations in order to assist the Office in its work with the Committee and the Governing Body.
2. Following consultations with the social partners and governmental regional coordinators, the first meetings of these advisory bodies were scheduled to be held, in the form of half-day meetings, in early 2008. In order to ensure that all constituents would be represented, the Office invited the Employer and Worker representatives, and their respective secretariats, as well as representatives of those Governments wishing to participate.
3. Based on the recommendations of these meetings, the Office will present in due course, upon completion of discussions, proposals for additional main activities for 2008–09 as well as proposals, as appropriate, on the purpose, duration and composition of main activities decided upon by the Governing Body in March and November 2007.

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*Submitted for information.*

<sup>1</sup> GB.298/STM/1 and GB.298/12(Rev.).