



EIGHTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Delegation of authority under article 18
of the Standing Orders of the
International Labour Conference**

1. Article 18 of the Standing Orders of the Conference reads as follows:

ARTICLE 18

Proposals involving expenditure

1. Any motion or resolution involving expenditure shall in the first instance, or in the case of resolutions referred to the Resolutions Committee as soon as that Committee is satisfied that the resolution is receivable and within the competence of the Conference, be referred to the Governing Body which, after consultation with its Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee, shall communicate its opinion to the Conference.
 2. The opinion of the Governing Body shall be circulated to the delegates at least 24 hours before the motion or resolution is discussed by the Conference.
 3. The Governing Body and the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee may delegate the authority to carry out their responsibilities under this article to their officers.
2. Section 4.1.4 of the Standing Orders of the Governing Body provides that:

Any such delegation shall be made only for one specific session of the Conference, and relate only to proposals involving expenditure during a financial period for which a budget has already been adopted.
 3. ***Should the need for such delegated authority arise, the Committee may wish, for the period of the 98th Session (June 2009) of the Conference, to delegate to its Officers (i.e. the Chairperson and the spokespersons for the Employer and Worker members of the Committee) the authority to carry out its responsibilities under article 18 of the Conference Standing Orders in relation to proposals involving expenditure in the 71st financial period ending 31 December 2009.***
 4. ***The Committee may also wish to recommend that the Governing Body make a similar delegation of authority to its Officers under article 18 of the Standing Orders of the Conference.***

Geneva, 13 January 2009.

Points for decision: Paragraph 3;
Paragraph 4.