



SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other questions**Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts
on the Application of the Recommendations
concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART):
Report to be submitted to the International
Labour Conference**

1. In accordance with past practice, at the 306th Session (November 2009) of the Governing Body the Committee examined a paper¹ containing the parts of the report of the Tenth Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), held at UNESCO in Paris, 28 September–2 October 2009, relating to allegations presented by teachers' organizations in certain member States on non-observance of provisions of the international Recommendations concerning teachers. The Governing Body approved the transmission of the relevant parts of the CEART report to the concerned governments and teachers' organizations.²
2. At the present session, the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues is examining a paper³ and the full report of the CEART⁴ in line with its mandate to oversee the Sectoral Activities Programme. The ILO support to the organization and work of the CEART falls within the framework of the education sector of this programme.
3. Ever since the creation of the CEART, by separate decisions of the Governing Body and the Executive Board of UNESCO in 1967, the CEART report is submitted to the International Labour Conference after it has been examined by the Governing Body. This practice derives from the fact that the report is prepared by an expert body charged by the Governing Body with the monitoring and promotion of international standards adopted in

¹ GB.306/LILS/8(& Corr.).

² GB.306/10/2(Rev.) and dec-GB.306/10/2.

³ GB.307/STM/3.

⁴ Available for consultation during the sitting of the Committee.

close cooperation with UNESCO and makes explicit reference to Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference. Following internal consultations, the Office proposes to continue with this practice and it is thus for the Committee to decide on submission of the CEART report to the Conference at its next session in June 2010 given the Committee's responsibility for matters concerning international labour standards. The report of the Tenth Session will also be on the agenda of the next UNESCO General Conference.

4. *The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body:*

- (a) take note of the review by the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues of the report of the Tenth Session of the CEART; and*
- (b) forward the report to the International Labour Conference at its 99th Session (June 2010) for examination in the first instance by the Committee on the Application of Standards.*

Geneva, 18 February 2010.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.