



FOR INFORMATION

SIXTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General**Seventh Supplementary Report:
Appointments to be made with respect
to the Seafarers' Identity Documents
Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185)**

1. It will be recalled that, in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 6, of the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), the Governing Body adopted, in March 2005,¹ arrangements relating to its approval of a list of ratifying Members which fully meet the minimum requirements established by the Convention concerning processes and procedures for the issue of seafarers' identity documents, including quality-control procedures.² The text of these *Arrangements concerning the list of Members which fully meet the minimum requirements concerning processes and procedures for the issue of seafarers' identity documents* (referred to below as "the Arrangements") is published on the ILO web site.³
2. Under the Arrangements, decisions of the Governing Body concerning the list are to be taken after duly considering the recommendations of the appropriate tripartite review body. Two such bodies are to be established to make the necessary recommendations to the Governing Body and to provide the Office with such advice as it may request with respect to action to be taken in connection with the list: these are a Review Group and a Special Review Board.
3. Pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 and paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Arrangements covering the composition of, respectively, the Review Group and the Special Review Board, the Governing Body will need to appoint:
 - eight persons from the representatives of ratifying governments (including the governments of Members that have made a notification of provisional application in accordance with Article 9 of the Convention – see paragraph 4 of the Arrangements):
 - (a) two as members of the Review Group;

¹ See GB.292/10(Rev.), para. 158 and Appendix V.

² Convention No. 185, Article 5 and Annex III.

³ <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/sector/papers/maritime/sid-arr.pdf>.

- (b) two to act as substitutes in the Review Group where the corresponding member is unable to act;
 - (c) two as members of the Special Review Board;
 - (d) two to act as substitutes in the Special Review Board where the corresponding member is unable to act;
- four persons nominated by the international organization of shipowners:
- (a) one as a member of the Review Group;
 - (b) one to act as a substitute in the Review Group where the member is unable to act;
 - (c) one as a member of the Special Review Board;
 - (d) one to act as a substitute in the Special Review Board where the member is unable to act;
- four persons nominated by the international organization of seafarers:
- (a) one as a member of the Review Group;
 - (b) one to act as a substitute in the Review Group where the member is unable to act;
 - (c) one as a member of the Special Review Board;
 - (d) one to act as a substitute in the Special Review Board where the member is unable to act.
4. The Office has received one request from a ratifying Member for inclusion on the list of Members referred to above. It is anticipated that several other requests by ratifying Members could be received in late 2010 or early 2011, account being taken, on the one hand, of the requirement in Article 5, paragraph 4, of the Convention for ratifying Members to carry out, at least every five years, an independent evaluation of the administration of their systems for issuing seafarers' identity documents and, on the other hand, of the slow start in the ratification process for the Convention.
5. The Director-General intends therefore to invite the Governing Body to establish the Review Group and the Special Review Board at its session in November 2010. The Governing Body will also need to take a decision on the period of appointment of members of the Review Group (Arrangements, paragraph 7) and of the Special Review Board (Arrangements, paragraph 12). The purpose of the present paper is to provide advance notice so that constituents may have sufficient time to consider their proposals or nominations in the light of the profiles and linguistic ability indicated in the Arrangements (paragraphs 7, 12 and 20). It is noted in particular that members of the Review Group act in an individual capacity and impartially and that members of the Special Review Board act in an individual, quasi-judicial capacity.

Geneva, 19 March 2010.

Submitted for information.