



Governing Body

309th Session, Geneva, November 2010

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FOR DECISION

TWENTIETH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Arrangements for the 17th American Regional Meeting

1. According to the Rules for Regional Meetings, adopted by the Governing Body at its 301st Session (March 2008) and confirmed by the 97th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda.
2. At its 307th (March 2010) and 308th (June 2010) Sessions, the Governing Body approved the holding of the 17th American Regional Meeting in Santiago, Chile,¹ from 14–17 December 2010.
3. The official languages of the Meeting will be English and Spanish.
4. As for previous American Regional Meetings, and after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body, the Governments of Portugal and Spain have been invited to be represented as observers at the Meeting.
5. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which invitations were submitted to the Governing Body at its 308th Session (June 2010),² the *Secretaria General Iberoamerica* (Ibero-American General Secretariat) has also been invited to be represented at the 17th American Regional Meeting as an observer.
6. The proposed agenda of the Meeting is to discuss, on the basis of the Director-General's two-volume report, the progress made by the countries of the region towards achieving the objectives established by the Hemispheric Agenda for Decent Work four years ago, and to examine the advances of the Hemispheric Agenda, the Decent Work Decade and the prospects for creating new opportunities to encourage policies that give priority to promoting good-quality employment.

¹ GB.307/17/1(Rev.).

² GB.308/8.

7. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda of the Meeting and confirm the arrangements for the 17th American Regional Meeting, as described in the above paragraphs.

Geneva, 11 November 2010

Point for decision: Paragraph 7