



## **Governing Body**

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**FOR DECISION**

### TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## **Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body**

### **Arrangements for the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting**

1. Further to the tragic events which led to the postponement of the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting scheduled for 10–13 April 2011, the Office has monitored the situation to identify possible options for rescheduling the Meeting taking into account the Government of Japan's continued commitment to hosting it.
2. The Government of Japan advised that there were two possible dates in 2011 if the same venue in Kyoto was maintained: 10–13 September or 4–7 December 2011.
3. Given the preparation required for a rescheduled Meeting and a still evolving situation at a time when a confirmation of dates would have been required for a September meeting, the Office considered that September was not feasible.
4. In a letter dated 26 May 2011 and delivered on 1 June 2011 by HE Ambassador Otabe, Mr Hosokawa, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, assured the Director-General of a general return to normality beyond the areas most directly affected by the earthquake, the tsunami and nuclear accident at the Fukushima Plant. The Minister also provided information on international gatherings that have been taking place or which are scheduled in Kyoto and Tokyo. The Minister indicated that there was a Japanese tripartite consensus on the proposal conveyed in his letter that the Meeting be held in Kyoto from 4 to 7 December 2011. He believed that convening the APRM in Japan would send to the world a message of recovery and of the ILO's support for his country's reconstruction.
5. At present the World Health Organization (WHO) has no travel warning in force.
6. Given Japan's continued interest, the absence of travel restrictions, and the general abeyance of the crisis situation, the option of holding a Meeting from 4 to 7 December in Kyoto appears feasible in principle.
7. The Office is ready to make the necessary arrangements.

**8. Further to discussions with their respective groups, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend to the Governing Body that the Meeting take place from 4 to 7 December 2011 in Kyoto, Japan.**

Geneva, 7 June 2011

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 8