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Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

1. The Officers of the Governing Body have taken note of the intention of the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations, that have a standing arrangement of mutual representation with the ILO, to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- African Development Bank (ADB);
- African Union (AU):
 - New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat;
 - Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union;
 - Pan-African Parliament;
- Arab Labour Organization (ALO);
- East African Community (EAC);
- Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS);
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
- European Union (EU);
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO);
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
- International Organization for Migration (IOM);
- Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF);
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- League of Arab States;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF);
- Southern African Development Community (SADC);
- United Nations (UN):
 - Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
 - Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN/OHRLLS and UN/OSAA);
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);

- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF);
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA);
- UN Women;
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS);
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
- World Food Programme (WFP);
- World Bank;
- World Health Organization (WHO).

2. In addition to the above intergovernmental organizations, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF);
- African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC);
- Arab Centre for Labour Administration and Employment (ACLAE);
- Arab Maghreb Union (AMU);
- Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC);
- Centre regional africain d’administration du travail (CRADAT);
- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA);
- Community of Sahelo-Saharan States (CEN-SAD);
- Conférence interafricaine de la prévoyance sociale;
- Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries (CEPGL);
- Economic and Statistical Observatory for sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT);
- Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD);
- Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA);
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

3. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- East African Trade Union Council (EATUC);
- East and Central Africa Social Security Association;
- Femmes Africa Solidarité;
- General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries (GUCCIAAC);
- HelpAge International;
- International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions;
- International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU);
- International Social Security Association (ISSA);
- New Faces – New Voices;
- Southern African Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC);
- Union Network International – Africa.

4. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Tripartite Meeting of Experts for the Development and Adoption of ILO Guidelines on Training in the Port Sector (Geneva, 21–25 November 2011)

5. At its 304th Session (March 2009), the Governing Body decided ¹ that a tripartite workshop for the development and adoption of ILO guidelines on training in the port sector would be held. At its 307th Session (March 2010), the Governing Body decided ² to change the nature, title and duration of the tripartite workshop to a Tripartite Meeting of Experts for the Development and Adoption of ILO Guidelines on Training in the Port Sector to be held for four days in December 2011. At its 310th Session (March 2011), the Governing Body decided ³ that the Tripartite Meeting of Experts would be held from 21 to 25 November 2011 in Geneva, increasing its duration from four to five days.

Composition

6. At its 307th Session (March 2010), the Governing Body decided that this Meeting be attended by five experts nominated after consultation with the Governments, five experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and five experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. According to the established

¹ GB.304/STM/1, paras 18–20 and GB.304/12, para. 20.

² GB.307/13(Rev.), para. 86.

³ GB.310/14(Rev.), para. 85.

practice for meetings of experts, it is also proposed that this Meeting be chaired by an independent chairperson.

7. In order to obtain the Government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of Chile, Singapore, South Africa, Germany and Australia. Should any of those governments prove to be unable to nominate an expert, the Director-General would approach one of the Governments of the following countries: Mexico, Canada, Egypt, Netherlands and India.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

8. The Officers have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - European Commission;
 - International Maritime Organization (IMO);
 - The OECD International Transport Forum;
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
 - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP);
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC);
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
 - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA);
 - World Bank.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

9. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - Federation of European Private Port Operators (FEPORT);
 - International Safety Panel (ISP) of ICHCA International Limited;
 - International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) ;
 - International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF);
 - International Shipping Federation;
 - World Shipping Council.
10. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Second Meeting of the Preparatory Tripartite MLC, 2006, Committee

(Geneva, 12–14 December 2011)

11. It will be recalled that at its 306th Session in November 2009, the Governing Body decided⁴ to establish a Preparatory Tripartite MLC, 2006, Committee (“the Preparatory Committee”), modelled on the future “Special Tripartite Committee” to be established under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), when it comes into force. The Governing Body, in establishing the Preparatory Committee, envisaged that, subject to budgetary considerations, the Committee would “meet at least once during 2010 and once during the 12-month period following deposit of the 30th ratification”.⁵ In response to the interest expressed by participants at the Preparatory Committee, the Office has identified a possible opportunity to hold a second meeting of the Preparatory Committee between 12 and 14 December 2011.

Composition

12. Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 307th Session⁶ (March 2010) as regards the composition of the Meeting, it has been agreed that the Meeting would be open to governments of any interested member States. It would include up to ten representatives of the Shipowners’ group and ten representatives of the Seafarers’ group, nominated respectively, after consultation with the Joint Maritime Commission, with the understanding that the Meeting would also be open to Seafarers’ and Shipowners’ representatives wishing to participate at their own expense.

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13. The mandate of the Preparatory Committee is to “keep under review the preparations by Members for implementing the MLC, 2006, identify any common issues and prepare the work for the future Special Tripartite Committee on any questions that might need to be dealt with as a matter of urgency after entry into force of the Convention, including the rules of procedure of the Committee”. Furthermore, the Committee will provide advice to the Office on the content of draft Standing Orders of the Special Tripartite Committee to be established under Article XIII of the MLC, 2006, prior to the submission of that draft by the Office to the Governing Body for its consideration. The Preparatory Tripartite MLC, 2006, Committee will also consider any other urgent question that may arise with respect to the work of the future Special Tripartite Committee.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

14. *In line with the decision taken for the first meeting of the Preparatory Tripartite MLC, 2006, Committee, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:*

⁴ GB.306/10/2(Rev.), para. 83.

⁵ Currently it is expected that the 30th instrument of ratification will be desposited by the end of 2011. The Convention will come into force 12 months after registration of the 30th ratification.

⁶ GB.307/18(Rev.)

- African Union;
- Arab Labour Organization (ALO);
- European Union;
- International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea);
- United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- World Health Organization (WHO);
- Acuerdo de Vina del Mar (Latin American Agreement);
- Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Asia–Pacific Region;
- Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Caribbean Region;
- Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Mediterranean Region;
- Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control for the West and Central African Region;
- Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control in the Black Sea Region;
- Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control;
- Riyadh Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

15. In line with the practice followed for the first meeting of the Preparatory Tripartite MLC, 2006, Committee, the Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- International Association of Classification Societies;
- International Christian Maritime Association;
- International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
- International Confederation of Water Transport Workers' Unions;
- International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations;
- International Maritime Health Association;
- International Shipping Federation;
- International Transport Workers' Federation.

16. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Global Dialogue Forum on Conditions of Personnel in Early Childhood Education (Geneva, first half of 2012)

17. At its 310th Session (March 2011), the Governing Body decided⁷ that a Global Dialogue Forum on Conditions of Personnel in Early Childhood Education should be held in the first half of 2012, instead of in 2013 as originally proposed.

Composition

18. Following informal consultations with the Government Regional Coordinators of the Governing Body, the Employers' and Workers' groups, and bearing in mind the agreed composition of the Global Dialogue Forum on Vocational Education and Training held in Geneva, 29–30 September 2010, it is proposed that the meeting be attended by five representatives of Ministries of Education or Ministries of Labour or equivalent agencies employing early childhood education staff in their capacity as public sector employers, five participants nominated after consultation with Employers' group and five participants nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. Moreover, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Body,⁸ all Governments interested would be invited to attend the Global Dialogue Forum at their own cost.
19. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

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20. In accordance with the proposal submitted to the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues in March 2011,⁹ the purpose of the Meeting would be to address issues identified in the international study on the employment and working environment in early childhood education. The expected outcomes of the Meeting would be determined in consultation with the tripartite constituents prior to its holding.
21. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

⁷ GB.310/STM/1, para. 13 and GB.310/14(Rev.), paras 25 and 58.

⁸ GB.310/14(Rev.), para. 58.

⁹ GB.310/STM/1, para. 13.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

22. The Officers have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- Commonwealth Secretariat;
- European Commission;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF);
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
- World Bank.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

23. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- Education International (EI);
- Public Services International (PSI).

24. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the abovementioned international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Geneva, 7 June 2011

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