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FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Follow-up to the discussions in the Committee on the Application of Standards of the 101st Session of the International Labour Conference

Overview

Issues covered

Follow-up to the discussions of the Committee on the Application of Standards of the International Labour Conference.

Policy implications

Yes, for the International Labour Standards Department.

Legal implications

Unknown at this stage.

Financial implications

Yes, US\$110,700.

Decision required

Paragraph 4.

Follow-up action required

Informal tripartite consultations prior to the 316th Session of the Governing Body. Documents to be submitted to the 316th Session of the Governing Body.

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Relevant documents

The report of the Conference Committee on the Application of Standards of the 101st Session of the International Labour Conference.

I. Introduction

1. At its 101st Session of the International Labour Conference, the Committee on the Application of Standards (the Committee) was for the first time not able to adopt a list of cases for discussion as required by article 7, paragraph 1(a) and (c), of the Standing Orders of the Conference.
2. In these circumstances, the Committee requested the Conference, when approving its report, to refer certain matters to the Governing Body at its 315th Session. The relevant decision reads as follows:

The Committee noted that different views were expressed on the functioning of the Committee in relation to the reports of the Committee of Experts which were submitted for its consideration as found in paragraphs ... of this report.

The Committee recommended that the Conference: (1) request the Director-General to communicate those views to the Governing Body; and (2) invite the Governing Body to take appropriate follow-up as a matter of urgency, including through informal tripartite consultations prior to its November 2012 session.

3. The financial arrangements concerning the informal tripartite consultations have been approved by the Officers of the Governing Body under the authority delegated to them by article 18 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference in relation to proposals involving expenditure in the 73rd financial period ending 31 December 2013. Depending on the structure of the consultation the estimated cost will not exceed US\$110,700, with Governments participating at their own cost.

II. Point for decision

4. *The Governing Body is invited to:*
 - (1) *approve the inclusion of an agenda item on the above at its 316th Session and;*
 - (2) *authorize the Chairperson of the Governing Body, assisted by the two Vice-Chairpersons, to undertake informal tripartite consultations with the Government, Employers' and Workers' groups for consideration by the Governing Body at its 316th Session.*