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Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

Second report: Arrangements for the 18th 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 International Labour Conference at its 97th Session (June 2008), the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda.
2. At its 318th Session (June 2013), the Governing Body approved the holding of the 18th American Regional Meeting in Lima, Peru,¹ during the third week of October 2014, without setting fixed dates. It is now proposed that the Meeting be held from 13 to 16 October 2014.
3. The official languages of the Meeting will be English and Spanish.
4. As at previous American Regional Meetings, it is proposed that the Governments of Portugal and Spain be invited to be represented as observers at the Meeting.
5. The proposed agenda of the Meeting is to discuss, on the basis of the Director-General's Report, the progress made by countries over the last four years with the Decent Work Agenda and the principal challenges faced by the region in maintaining patterns of growth with social inclusion. Particular attention will be given to the role of employment policies and social protection in boosting productivity and formal employment, thus ensuring that labour rights are upheld. It is hoped that the Meeting will form the basis for a platform for action on growth with social inclusion in the Americas.
6. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the proposed dates and agenda of the 18th American Regional Meeting and confirm the other arrangements for the Meeting set out in the above paragraphs.*

¹ Documents GB.318/PV/Draft, para. 86 and GB.318/INS/7/2.