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### FOURTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Report of the Director-General

### *Addendum*

### Obituary

#### Mr Dierk Lindemann

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the death, on 17 March 2014, of Mr Dierk Lindemann, member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations. Mr Lindemann also served as Shipowner Vice-President of the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference.
2. Mr Lindemann was born on 16 October 1941 in Hamburg, Germany. He obtained degrees from the Universities of Hamburg and Göttingen in Law and Economics, and held a PhD in law. He served as Managing Director of the German Shipowners' Association (VDR) from 1991 to 2006 and as Legal Adviser to the Association from 1972 to 2006. From 1990 to 2006, Mr Dierk Lindemann chaired the Social Affairs Committee of the European Community Shipowners' Associations.
3. Mr Lindemann's involvement in ILO standard-setting activities in the maritime field began in 1975. He served as the spokesperson for the Shipowners' group at ILO Maritime Meetings from 1991 to 2006, including the ILO Joint Maritime Commission meetings and at the International Labour Conference sessions in 1996 and 2006 when the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), was adopted. He is the author of the German Seaman's Act Commentary, which he revised through six editions over the years; when he died, he was in the process of finalizing the seventh edition. He was appointed a member of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations in March 2012.
4. Mr Lindemann brought an immense knowledge and unique expertise of international maritime labour law to the various bodies on which he served at the ILO. There is no question that he was one of the driving forces behind the historic ILO MLC, 2006. His ability to see all sides of a question – not simply from the angle of a shipowner – was recognized and appreciated by all those who worked with him, including those from

government or from the Workers' group. He strove always to bring the ILO and other United Nations agencies together, to ensure that seafarers were fairly treated, and could work in a safe environment without fear for their lives. Indeed he was, above all, conscious that sight should never be lost of the human element in any text drawn up to protect those working in the maritime industry.

**Draft decision**

- 5. The Governing Body will no doubt wish to invite the Director-General to convey its condolences to the family of Mr Lindemann, to the International Shipping Federation, and to the President of the German Shipowners' Association.***