



## Governing Body

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### ELEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

### Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

#### New appointment

1. *In order to fill one of the three vacant positions on the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, the Officers of the Governing Body recommended that the Governing Body appoint Ms Leila Azouri (Lebanon) as a member of the Committee for a period of three years.*

A short biography of Ms Azouri is reproduced in the appendix.

### 18th American Regional Meeting (Lima, Peru, 13–16 October 2014)

#### Invitation of an intergovernmental organization

2. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements provide for their automatic invitation to the Meeting, and to the intergovernmental organization whose invitation has already been approved in March 2014,<sup>1</sup> the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.

<sup>1</sup> GB.320/INS/16.

## Meeting of Experts concerning Convention No. 185 (Geneva, 4–6 February 2015)

### Background

3. At its 320th Session (March 2014), the Governing Body decided:
- (a) to hold a meeting involving both maritime and visa experts, within existing resources, to examine the feasibility and to carry out a cost–benefit analysis of the various options, including those set out in GB.320/LILS/5, to address the issues involved in the implementation of the Seafarers’ Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), for ratifying and non-ratifying flag States, port States and seafarer supplying States, as well as for shipowners and seafarers;
  - (b) to consider the outcome of the meeting at a future session of the Governing Body; and
  - (c) that the cost of the meeting, estimated at US\$356,100 for a 16–16–16 composition, be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the budget or, failing that, through Part II, on the understanding that, should this subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.

### Composition

4. Further to the decision adopted in March by the Governing Body, the meeting will be attended by 16 experts nominated after consultation with governments, 16 experts nominated by the Shipowners’ group and 16 experts nominated by the Seafarers’ group.
5. In order to obtain the 16 government nominations, the Regional Coordinators have been consulted<sup>2</sup> on the following proposed countries listed by region and the Director-General intends to approach the four countries identified by each region.

Americas	Europe	Asia and Arab States	Africa
Argentina	Croatia *	Australia	Benin
Brazil *	France *	Indonesia *	Congo, Republic of *
Canada	Germany	Japan	Kenya
Chile	Netherlands	Jordan *	Madagascar *
Honduras	Norway	Korea, Republic of *	Mauritius *
Panama	Russian Federation *	Philippines *	Nigeria *
Peru	Spain *	Vanuatu *	Senegal
United States	United Kingdom	Yemen *	South Africa

\* Have ratified Convention No. 185.

6. A reserve list will also be established with the other countries on the proposed list that will not be retained among the 16 government nominations. The countries on the reserve list as well as other countries having an interest in the subject would be able to attend as observers, at their own expense. Relevant international organizations will also be invited to attend as observers.

<sup>2</sup> By a communication sent on 22 May 2014.

## Appendix

### Ms Leila Azouri

Professor Azouri, of Lebanese nationality, was born in 1947. She is a Doctor of Law and has been Professor at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Politics of the University of Lebanon since 1976. Her interests and action have focused on the rights of women in the Arab world. She is a member of the Executive Board of the National Commission for Lebanese Women, and a member of the Legal Committee of its Studies and Research Committee. She is President of the Lebanese Committee responsible for the reports of the Lebanese Government to the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). She has contributed as a legal expert to a series of studies by the Arab Women's Organization, a specialized governmental agency of the Arab League which works to reinforce joint Arab cooperation and coordination in the development of women's status and the consolidation of their role in society.