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### SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Sectoral meetings held in 2019 and proposals for sectoral work in 2020

#### Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to approve the reports of three meetings held in the first half of 2019 (see section I), to authorize the respective follow-up, to suspend the Standing Orders for meetings of experts for the ILO–IMO Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers (section II A) and to endorse the proposals made in section II B in relation to upcoming sectoral meetings (see the draft decision in paragraph 20).

**Relevant strategic objective:** All.

**Main relevant outcome/cross-cutting policy driver:** Outcome 5: Decent work in the rural economy; outcome 7: Promoting safe work and workplace compliance including in global supply chains; and cross-cutting policy driver: social dialogue.

**Policy implications:** None.

**Legal implications:** None.

**Financial implications:** None.

**Follow-up action required:** The Office would be required to follow up as proposed.

**Author unit:** Sectoral Policies Department (SECTOR).

**Related documents:** GB.329/POL/4 and GB.329/PV; GB.332/POL/2, Appendix and GB.332/PV; SMSWS/2019/9; GB.334/POL/3; GB.334/PV; GB.335/POL/3 and Appendix II.



## I. Meetings held in the first half of 2019

### A. Sectoral Meeting on the Recruitment and Retention of Seafarers and the Promotion of Opportunities for Women Seafarers

(25 February–1 March 2019)

1. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Body,<sup>1</sup> the Sectoral Meeting on the Recruitment and Retention of Seafarers and the Promotion of Opportunities for Women Seafarers was held in Geneva from 25 February to 1 March 2019.
2. The Governing Body had designated Mr Henrik Munthe (Norway), Employer member of the Governing Body, to chair the meeting. The Vice-Chairpersons were Ms Zulphy S. Santamaría Guerrero (Panama) from the Government group; Ms Kathy Metcalf from the Shipowners' group; and Ms Lena Dyring from the Seafarers' group.
3. The Meeting was attended by 41 Government representatives and 25 Government advisers, eight Shipowner representatives and nine Shipowner advisers, eight Seafarer representatives and 41 Seafarer advisers and observers. There were 15 observers from intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.
4. The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss the issues raised in resolution XI concerning the recruitment and retention of seafarers, and resolution II regarding the promotion of opportunities for women seafarers, as adopted by the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference in 2006, including in the context of the ILO Future of Work Initiative.
5. The conclusions adopted by the meeting, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members, are appended to the Note on the proceedings.<sup>2</sup>

### B. Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste (e-waste)

(9–11 April 2019)

6. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Body,<sup>3</sup> the Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste (E-waste) was held in Geneva from 9 to 11 April 2019.
7. The Forum was chaired by Mr Nikhil Seth, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The Vice-Chairpersons were: Mr Aniefiok Etim Essah (Nigeria) from the Government group; Mr Patrick Van den Bossche from the Employers' group (Mr Van den Bossche was replaced by Mr Edgar Fernando Erazo

<sup>1</sup> [GB.329/PV](#), para. 512; and [GB.332/POL/PV](#), para. 18.

<sup>2</sup> [SMSWS/2019/13](#).

<sup>3</sup> [GB.329/PV](#), para. 512; [GB.334/PV](#), para. 595.

Camacho on the first day); and Mr James Towers from the Workers' group (Mr Towers was replaced by Mr Henrik Riisgaard and subsequently by Mr Kan Matsuzaki on the final day).

8. The Forum was attended by 60 participants, including the independent Chairperson, 16 Government representatives and advisers and 13 Government observers from 21 member States, as well as seven Worker and eight Employer representatives and eight additional members (two advisers and one observer from the Employers' group and three advisers and two observers from the Workers' group), and seven observers from intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.
9. The purpose of the Forum was to discuss current and emerging issues and opportunities related to the promotion of decent work in the management of electrical and electronic waste (e-waste) sector, with the aim of adopting points of consensus, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members.
10. During the Forum, an information session was held to inform participants about the work of the emerging United Nations E-waste Coalition, of which the ILO is one of ten members, and to increase awareness about the concept of the circular economy. Representatives from the World Economic Forum and the International Telecommunication Union gave presentations on these topics, highlighting the findings of the joint report, *A New Circular Vision for Electronics: Time for a Global Reboot*, which was launched in Davos in January 2019.
11. The points of consensus<sup>4</sup> agreed by the Forum on the day of the ILO's 100th anniversary, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members, are included in the draft report of the discussion.

**C. Sectoral Meeting on Promoting Decent Work and Safety and Health in Forestry (6–10 May 2019)**

12. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Body,<sup>5</sup> the Sectoral Meeting on Promoting Decent Work and Safety and Health in Forestry was held in Geneva from 6 to 10 May 2019.
13. The Governing Body had designated Ms Toni Moore (Barbados), Worker member of the Governing Body, to chair the meeting. The Vice-Chairpersons were Ms Vibha Bhalla (India), Government representative, Mr John Beckett, Employer representative, and Mr Robert Don Walls, Worker representative.
14. The Meeting was attended by 76 participants, including 40 Government representatives, advisers and observers from 30 member States; five Employer representatives and one Employer observer; and seven Worker representatives and 14 Worker observers. In addition, eight observers from intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations attended the Meeting.
15. The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss issues related to the promotion of decent work and safety and health in forestry.

<sup>4</sup> [GDFEEW/2019/7](#).

<sup>5</sup> GB.329/PV, para. 512; GB.334/PV, para. 595.

16. The conclusions adopted by the meeting, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members, are included in the draft note on the proceedings.<sup>6</sup>

## II. Upcoming meetings

### A. Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers

17. At its 335th Session (March 2019), the Governing Body endorsed the proposed programme of global sectoral meetings for 2020–21, which included a meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers. This endorsement was subject to the consideration of the suspension of the Standing Orders and approval by the appropriate bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to reflect the fact that the ILO is convening the meeting jointly with the IMO.<sup>7</sup>
18. The decision taken by the Governing Body was communicated to the IMO secretariat. The matter was put before the appropriate IMO bodies,<sup>8</sup> which subsequently authorized the holding of a joint ILO–IMO meeting in 2021. As the meeting is jointly convened by the Governing Body and the competent IMO bodies, the ILO Standing Orders for meetings of experts are not applicable to the meeting according to article 1(1).

### B. Meetings to be held in the first half of 2020

19. In the light of the adoption of the programme of sectoral meetings for 2020–21 by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019),<sup>9</sup> the Office has prepared a list of proposals relating to the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the meetings envisaged for 2020 (see Appendix I).<sup>10</sup>

## Draft decision

### 20. *The Governing Body:*

- (a) *approved the reports of the meetings referred to in section I of document GB.337/POL/2 and authorized the Director-General to publish the final reports of those meetings;*

<sup>6</sup> [SMSHF/2019/13](#).

<sup>7</sup> [GB.335/POL/3](#), Appendix II.

<sup>8</sup> Sub-committee on the Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (6th session), Maritime Safety Committee (101st session) and IMO Council (122nd session).

<sup>9</sup> [GB.335/POL/3](#).

<sup>10</sup> A list of all global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2018–19 is also appended (see Appendix II).

- (b) requested the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work, the recommendations for future action by the ILO made by the meetings referred to in section I of document GB.337/POL/2;*
- (c) noted that the IMO had authorized the convening of the joint ILO–IMO meeting to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers in 2021; and*
- (d) endorsed the proposals contained in Appendix I to document GB.337/POL/2 relating to the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the meetings listed therein.*

## Appendix I

### Programme of sectoral meetings (2020)

Meetings as adopted by the Governing Body (GB.335/POL/3)	Proposed dates	Proposed duration	Proposed title	Proposed purpose	Proposed composition (G/E/W)
Technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry and the need to invest in people's capabilities and decent and sustainable work	4–8 May 2020	5 days	Technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry	The meeting will discuss future needs for skills and vocational education and training in the automotive industry in the context of the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work (adopted at the 108th Session (2019) of the International Labour Conference), with the aim of adopting conclusions, including recommendations for future action.	All Governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers.
Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services	21–25 September 2020	5 days	Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services	The meeting will discuss challenges and solutions relating to the future of decent and sustainable work in urban passenger transport operations and services, with the aim of adopting conclusions, including recommendations for future action.	All Governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers.
Technical meeting on the future of work in the education sector in the context of lifelong learning for all, skills and the Decent Work Agenda	12–16 October 2020	5 days	Technical meeting on the future of work in the education sector in the context of lifelong learning for all, skills and the Decent Work Agenda	The meeting will discuss labour and professional issues concerning education personnel in the context of lifelong learning for all, skills and the Decent Work Agenda with the aim of adopting conclusions, including recommendations for future action. Specific focus will be on the impact of technology, labour market demands, and global trends in the work of persons in the education sector.	All Governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers.
Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy	23–27 November 2020	5 days	Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy	The meeting will discuss issues relating to the future of work in the aquaculture sector as well as to the promotion of decent work in the rural economy, with the aim of adopting conclusions, including recommendations for future action.	All Governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers.

## Appendix II

### List of global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2018–19 <sup>1</sup>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>2018</b>		
22–26 January	Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Shipbuilding and Ship Repair	Geneva
16–20 April	Meeting of Experts to adopt Guidelines on Decent Work in Public Emergency Services	Geneva
18–20 September	Global Dialogue Forum on Employment Terms and Conditions in Tertiary Education	Geneva
1–5 October	13th Session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)	Geneva
19–20 November	Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission	Geneva
10–12 December	Global Dialogue Forum on Challenges for Decent and Productive Work Arising from Digitalization in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries	Geneva
<b>2019</b>		
25 February–1 March	Sectoral Meeting on the Recruitment and Retention of Seafarers and the Promotion of Opportunities for Women Seafarers	Geneva
9–11 April	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste (E-waste)	Geneva
6–10 May	Sectoral Meeting on Promoting Decent Work and Safety and Health in Forestry	Geneva
3–5 July	Technical Meeting to Promote an Exchange of Views on the Further Development and Implementation of the Integrated Strategy to Address Decent Work Deficits in the Tobacco Sector	Kampala
23–27 September	Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work and Road Safety in the Transport Sector	Geneva
3–5 December	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport	Geneva

<sup>1</sup> Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) (GB.329/PV, para. 512) and at its 335th Session (March 2019) ([GB.335/POL/PV\(Rev.\)](#), para. 118).