



FOR INFORMATION

FOURTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

Fifth Supplementary Report: Appointment of Assistant Directors-General

1. In accordance with the Staff Regulations, appointments at the Assistant Director-General level are made by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body. On entering upon duties, an Assistant Director-General shall make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty before the Governing Body in public session.
2. After duly consulting the Officers of the Governing Body, the Director-General has appointed Mr George Dragnich as Executive Director of the Social Dialogue Sector (DIALOGUE) at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 1 January 2009, and Ms Nada Al-Nashif at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 15 January 2009. Ms Al-Nashif's appointment as Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Arab States took effect on 15 January 2007, and had previously been reported to the Governing Body.¹
3. These appointments are communicated to the Governing Body for information. Brief statements concerning the qualifications and previous activities of Mr Dragnich and of Ms Al-Nashif are given overleaf.

Geneva, 27 February 2009.

Submitted for information.

¹ GB.298/15.

Mr George Dragnich (United States)

Appointed Executive Director of the Social Dialogue Sector (DIALOGUE) at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 1 January 2009.

Mr Dragnich came to the ILO following a 33-year diplomatic career in which he was latterly the highest-ranking labour officer in the US Foreign Service. Seven overseas postings included assignments as Regional Labour Attaché in Nairobi; Labour Attaché in Canberra and Minister-Counsellor for Labour and Social Affairs in London. He also served as consul in Oran, Algeria; Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi; and Political Chief at the US Embassy in Lusaka, Zambia. His first experience with the UN was as a peacekeeper in the Sinai Desert in the late 1970s.

Most recently, Mr Dragnich headed the Office of Economic and Development Affairs in the Department of State, dealing with the UN development agencies, UN regional economic commissions, ECOSOC, the General Assembly's 2nd Committee (economics and development), the UN Global Compact, and the International Law Development Organization.

Previously, he was the State Department's lead negotiator for bilateral science and technology agreements, served as his Government's delegate to the OECD's science and technology committee, and instigated his Government's return to the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development. He also headed a telecommunications policy office, during which time he worked with the ITU on Iraq's telecom reconstruction, and helped lay the groundwork for a telecom regulatory authority for a future Palestinian State.

In other labour-related work, during the middle of his diplomatic career, Mr Dragnich spent a sabbatical year with the National Alliance of Business, devoted to educational and training reform issues concerning workforce employment and employability.

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Mr Dragnich holds a Bachelor of Arts in European History from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and a Masters of Arts in Middle East Studies from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He also studied at the American University in Beirut. Professional training included an intensive labour studies programme organized by Georgetown University for the US Government.

Ms Nada Al-Nashif (Jordan)

Appointed at the Assistant Director-General level, with effect from 15 January 2009.

Born in 1965. In 1991, Ms Al-Nashif graduated with a Masters in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in 1987 from Balliol College, Oxford University.

Ms Al-Nashif was appointed Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut in 2007. She came to the ILO from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) where she last held the position of Chief of the Regional Programme Division, Regional Bureau for Arab States (2005–06). Prior assignments include responsibilities as Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Lebanon (2000–04); Deputy Director, (1997–2000) and Special Assistant to the Administrator (1995–97), Office of the Administrator, UNDP New York; and Programme Officer, then Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (1992–95). Ms Al-Nashif started her professional career as an economic analyst with the National Bank of Kuwait.