



FOR DECISION

EIGHTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Composition and agenda of standing
bodies and meetings**

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Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

New appointments

1. In order to fill two of the four current vacant seats, *the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint the following persons as members of the Committee for a period of three years:*
 - *Professor Rachid Filali Meknassi (Morocco);*
 - *Professor Paul-Gérard Pougoue (Cameroon).*

Short biographies of these persons are reproduced in the appendix.

Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Strategies for the Extension of Social Security Coverage (Geneva, 2–4 September 2009)

2. At its 304th Session (March 2009), the Governing Body¹ authorized the Director-General to use the Special Programme Account to finance a tripartite technical meeting on extending social security coverage. It is now proposed that the Meeting be held in Geneva from 2 to 4 September 2009.

Composition

3. It is proposed that the Meeting be attended by representatives of 12 employers' organizations and 12 workers' organizations, from both industrialized and developing countries from Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab region to be nominated after consultation with the Employers' and the Workers' groups of the Governing Body. It is further proposed that 12 Government representatives from Brazil, China, India, Peru, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, United States, Zambia, as well as two European Union (EU) member countries and one other European country be invited to attend the Meeting. The European countries would be determined by the Regional Coordinators for Europe.
4. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

5. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
 - to examine recent trends and developments on various policies aimed at extending social security coverage and building universal, comprehensive and fiscally sustainable social security systems;

¹ GB.304/8/1 (Rev.2), para. 57, and GB.304/PFA/4, para. 5.

- to analyse options for the extension of social security coverage to all as outlined in the ILO Constitution and relevant social security Conventions for countries in different economic and social conditions, to serve as a basis for the design of appropriate policies in the framework of the Global Campaign; and
- to identify strategies to promote a set of basic social security guarantees that will provide the basis for the gradual move to reach higher levels of protection. This would represent a major contribution towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the fulfilment of the commitment of the Organization to “the extension of social security to all” as renewed in the Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, and strengthening the Global Campaign.

6. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

7. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- European Commission (EC);
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF);
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
 - United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF);
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
 - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA);
 - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);
 - World Bank (WB);
 - World Health Organization (WHO).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations and national observers

8. The Director-General further proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations and national observers to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- International Social Security Association (ISSA);
 - HelpAge International;
 - Save the Children;

as well as national observers, preferably from bilateral donor agencies.

9. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations and national observers, preferably from bilateral donor agencies, to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Workshop to Promote Ratification of the Private Employment Agencies Convention (Geneva, 20–21 October 2009)

10. At its 301st Session (March 2008), the Governing Body² approved the holding of a workshop to promote the ratification of the Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), in Geneva on 20 and 21 October 2009.

Composition

11. At the same session, the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues endorsed an initial proposal by the Office that six Worker and six Employer representatives would be invited to participate, in line with the budgetary allocations for a global dialogue forum. Following further consultations through the advisory body, it is now proposed that eight Worker and eight Employer representatives be invited to participate in the Workshop. The Workshop would be open to all interested governments.
12. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

13. The purpose of the Workshop, as approved at the 301st Session (March 2008) of the Governing Body, is to raise awareness of the Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181), exchange views on its benefits, present good practice and encourage further ratifications.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

14. In addition to the three international intergovernmental organizations, the invitation of which has already been communicated to the Governing Body in March 2009,³ the Director-General intends to invite the two following international intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the meeting as observers:
- European Commission (EC);
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

² GB.301/14, para. 15.

³ GB.304/16.

Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Adopt Port State Control Guidelines for Implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007(No. 188) (Geneva, 15–19 February 2010)

15. At its 304th Session (March 2009), the Governing Body endorsed the proposal by the Office to convene a tripartite meeting of experts of the fishing sector to develop suitable guidance for port State control officers concerning relevant provisions of the Convention. It is therefore proposed to hold a five-day tripartite meeting of experts on port State inspections under Convention No. 188, from 15 to 19 February 2010.

Composition

16. It is proposed that the composition would be six Government, six Employer and six Worker experts. The Government experts would be: one from Western Europe; one from Central and Eastern Europe; one from Africa; one from the Americas; and two from Asia.
17. In order to obtain the government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of Brazil, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation and South Africa. Should any of those Governments prove to be unable to nominate an expert, the Director-General would approach one of the Governments of the following reserve list: Indonesia, Namibia, Republic of Korea, Peru, Poland and Spain. The Meeting would be open to interested government observers.
18. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

19. The Director-General intends to invite the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to attend the Meeting as observers.

Geneva, 10 June 2009.

Points for decision: Paragraph 1;
Paragraph 4;
Paragraph 6;
Paragraph 9;
Paragraph 12;
Paragraph 18.

Appendix

Professeur Rachid Filali Meknassi (Morocco)

Professor Rachid Filali Meknassi was born in March 1952.

Mr Meknassi has a doctorate in law from the Faculty of Law at Rabat as well as degrees in private law, business law and civil law. He is a professor of law at the University of Rabat, teaching in particular labour law and social security law. He is a consultant with various UN and national agencies. Mr Meknassi is a member of the scientific council of many journals and national and international research groups and holds positions in national institutions.

Mr Meknassi has taught law at a number of institutions, including the University of Nantes in France. He has led seminars on numerous topics related to labour law for institutions including the ILO, World Bank and European Union. Mr Meknassi was coordinator for a national ILO project on sustainable development.

Mr Meknassi is the author of many academic publications, including on topics of corporate social responsibility, social dimension of globalization, decent work, social security, occupational safety and health, human rights and labour law codification. Further, he has authored various reports on subjects such as the judiciary in Morocco, labour law effectiveness, social dialogue and the Moroccan social system, Moroccan trade unionism, and environment-related matters. In addition, Mr Meknassi contributed to the process of labour law development in Morocco in relation to the labour code and compulsory health insurance.

Professor Paul-Gérard Pougoue (Cameroon)

Professor Paul-Gérard Pougoue was born in March 1949.

Mr Pougoue obtained his Doctorate in Private Law from the University of Bordeaux and his “agrégation” in private law and criminology. He is full Professor and Vice-Rector of the University of Yaoundé in Cameroon. He obtained a number of distinguished honours, among them: “Chevalier de l’Ordre de la Valeur” (Cameroon) and “Officier de l’Ordre National du Mérite” (France). He is a member of a number of academic and professional societies, including the International Association for Labour and Social Security Law. Mr Pougoue holds the UNESCO chair for law, ethics and society at the University of Yaoundé II and the University of Nantes.

Mr Pougoue has extensively published including on labour and social security law in Cameroon, as well as on human rights law in Africa, particularly in francophone Africa. In addition, he has written on the Organisation for the Harmonisation of Business Law in Africa (OHADA), land law, family law, private international law, customary law, commercial law and procedure.

Mr Pougoue has been a consultant to the ILO for many years. He has recently co-authored a study for the ILO on obstacles to the application of fundamental principles and rights at work in Cameroon. More recently, he headed a Ministerial Committee on Social Security Reform in Cameroon.