



SEVENTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Report of the Officers of the
Governing Body**

**Request by an intergovernmental
organization wishing to be invited to
be represented at meetings of the
Governing Body of the ILO**

1. The Director-General received a letter, dated 31 January 2010, signed by Mr Salem Ben Ali El-Muheiri, Director-General of the Executive Office of the Council of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs in Gulf Cooperation Council States (hereinafter “the Council”), requesting that this organization be invited to be represented at meetings of the Governing Body of the ILO as an observer. In his letter, Mr El-Muheiri specifies that the relationship of cooperation that has been forged between the Council and the ILO has been strengthened as a result of the activities organized jointly by the Council and the ILO Regional Office for the Arab States, located in Beirut, and the Council’s attendance at meetings of the International Labour Conference as an observer.
2. On 21 March 2001, the Officers authorized the Director-General to invite the Council to be represented at meetings of the International Labour Conference and at the Asian Regional Meetings of the ILO. The Council has been attending meetings of the Conference since June 2001, when the 89th Session was held.
3. *Accordingly, the Officers of the Governing Body propose that the Director-General be authorized to invite the Council of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs in Gulf Cooperation Council States to be represented at meetings of the Governing Body of the ILO as an observer.*

Geneva, 16 March 2010.

Point for decision: Paragraph 3.