Governing Body

311th Session, Geneva, June 2011



SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Previous decisions relating to the review of the follow-up to the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy

- 1. It has been proposed to hold the discussion on the follow-up to the Tripartite Declaration of Principles in the MNE Segment during the March 2012 session of the Governing Body rather than in November 2011; as a consequence, this timing would require that the Governing Body modify two of its prior decisions. At its 306th Session, ¹ the Governing Body requested the Office to review, no later than 2011, its 1979 decision to establish a procedure for periodic reporting by governments and national employers' and workers' organizations on the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy. ² At its 309th Session, ³ in response to the request of the Conference in its conclusions concerning the recurrent discussion on employment, ⁴ the Governing Body further decided to establish a tripartite ad hoc working group, to meet once prior to March 2011 and once prior to November 2011 for the purpose of undertaking a review of the follow-up mechanism of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy with a view to developing promotional options.
- 2. In order to postpone its review of the report of the ad hoc working group until March 2012, the Governing Body may wish to:
 - (i) modify its decision of November 2009 by extending the deadline for review of its 1979 decision until March 2012;

¹ GB.306/11, para. 33; GB.306/Dec. (Nov. 2009).

² GB.209/205 (Feb.–Mar. 1979).

³ GB.309/13, para. 28, GB.309/Dec. (Nov. 2010).

⁴ Resolution concerning the recurrent discussion on employment, International Labour Conference, 99th Session, Geneva, 2010, conclusions, para. 40.

(ii) modify its decision of November 2010 by extending the composition of the ad hoc working group as initially established until the working group discharges its mandate by delivering its recommendations, through the Director-General, to the Governing Body, to be done by meeting once before the 313th Session of the Governing Body.

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