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Follow-up to the resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains (general discussion)

Addendum

Purpose of the document

This document provides further information on proposed meetings to review the attainment of decent work in global supply chains on the basis of the conclusions of the Conference in that regard and the associated financial arrangements, and contains an amended point for decision.

Relevant strategic objective: All.

Policy implications: The programme of action will guide the Office's work in the area of decent work in global supply chains for five years (2017–21). It will shape the assistance provided to constituents by the Office and the wider role of the Organization.

Legal implications: None.

Financial implications: Yes.

Follow-up action required: Subject to the decisions of the Governing Body, the Office will organize the proposed Meetings of Experts.

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Related documents: GB.328/INS/5/1.

1. The debate on GB.328/INS/5/1 addressed the resolution of the 105th Session of the International Labour Conference (2016) on decent work in global supply chains. That debate gave direction to the Office with respect to a proposal for an ILO programme of action. In addition, during the debate a proposal was made to organize three tripartite Meetings of Experts as follows, which is also reflected in the amended point for decision below:
 - (a) in 2017, a tripartite Meeting of Experts to identify possible action to promote decent work and protection of fundamental principles and rights at work for workers in export processing zones (EPZs), the arrangements of which are detailed below;
 - (b) in 2018, a tripartite Meeting of Experts on cross-border social dialogue, as called for in the 2013 International Labour Conference conclusions concerning the recurrent discussion on social dialogue, to address decent work in global supply chain issues, including human rights due diligence, for which the arrangements will be decided at a later date; and
 - (c) in 2019, a tripartite Meeting of Experts following a midterm report by the Office, pursuant to paragraph 25 of the 2016 International Labour Conference resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains for which the arrangements will be decided at a later date.
2. While arrangements for the meetings in 2018 and 2019 can be concluded at a later date, the arrangements for the meeting described in subparagraph (a) above would require immediate action by the Governing Body.

Composition

3. It is proposed that the tripartite Meeting of Experts described in subparagraph (a) to identify possible action to promote decent work and protection of fundamental principles and rights at work for workers in EPZs, be attended by eight experts nominated after consultations with Governments, eight experts nominated after consultations with the Employers' group and eight experts nominated after consultations with the Workers' group.

Financial arrangements

4. The estimated costs of the proposed three-day meeting in 2017 of US\$227,000 would include travel expenses of the experts, interpretation in three languages, document preparation and translation. The following table presents a summary of the estimated costs:

	US\$
Travel and per diem costs	118,000
Interpretation	61,000
Documentation and translation	48,000
Total	227,000

5. The Programme and Budget for 2016–17 contains no provision for this meeting. It is proposed that its cost be covered from as yet uncommitted resources available for sectoral meetings and related activities this biennium and the reprioritization of staff activities to support research and preparation for the meeting.

6. Financing for the meetings proposed for 2018 and 2019 will be provided for in the Director-General's Programme and Budget proposals for 2018–19.

Draft decision

7. The Governing Body:

(a) requests the Office to:

- (i) revise and modify the programme of action taking into account the comments made by the Governing Body;**
- (ii) provide a roadmap for the programme of action with more concrete and prioritized areas of action for discussion at the 329th Session (March 2017) of the Governing Body;**
- (iii) start implementing the programme of action immediately after the present session with a focus on areas already identified as priorities, including (but not limited to) research, the development of the knowledge base and capacity building to the constituents, and to do so in a visible manner;**
- (iv) organize in 2017 a tripartite Meeting of Experts to identify possible action to promote decent work and protection of fundamental principles and rights at work for workers in EPZs;**
- (v) organize in 2018 a tripartite Meeting of Experts on cross-border social dialogue, as called for in the 2013 International Labour Conference conclusions on the recurrent item on social dialogue, to address decent work in global supply chain issues, including human rights due diligence;**
- (vi) organize in 2019 a tripartite Meeting of Experts following a midterm report by the Office pursuant to paragraph 25 of the 2016 International Labour Conference resolution concerning decent work in global supply chains; and**

- (b) approves the composition and arrangements for a tripartite Meeting of Experts to identify possible action to promote decent work and protection of fundamental principles and rights at work for workers in EPZs set out in this document.**