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Improving the functioning of the International Labour Conference: Arrangements for the 106th Session (2017)

1. This document is in response to the request of the Governing Body, at its 328th Session, for the Office: (a) to continue to explore further improvements which could be trialled or implemented at future sessions of the Conference; and (b) to prepare a detailed plan of work for the 106th Session of the Conference (2017) based on a two-week format and the approved agenda.¹

Conference preparation

2. A number of improvements put in place in recent years to facilitate the preparatory processes of the Conference will be maintained and, where possible, enhanced.
3. *The dissemination of pre-Conference information.* Following recent practice, a note entitled *Advance information* on the Conference was posted on the Website in January 2017 along with the convocation letter to the 106th Session. This information will be revised with the arrangements agreed by the Governing Body in March 2017 and posted on the website as the *Conference Guide*. The Guide will be updated as required up to the Conference, and printed in a pocket format for distribution to delegates on registration. Briefing sessions will be organized for Geneva-based missions and, on request, for regional groups.
4. *Enhanced technology.* The Office will continue enhancing available e-forms and applications to make them more user-friendly, such as the ILO Conference App, the credentials online accreditation system or the system for early registration in Conference committees. Individual web pages created for each of the technical committees will continue to allow the early posting of information or material. Following last year's practice, a number of committee documents will be password protected during the session to restrict their access to the members of the committees concerned. The text of the tentative conclusions to be discussed by committee drafting groups will be sent electronically to relevant delegates only. As requested, pigeon holes will be reintroduced for national delegations and the groups,

¹ The agenda of the 106th Session of the Conference is available on the web page of the Conference.

while options to replace them in future by direct email contacts will be trialled through a self-service registration of delegates' personal information system. Note has also been taken about the need to develop an online system for submission of amendments in committees.

5. **Early nomination of committee chairpersons.** Efforts will be pursued to ensure that nominations for the officers of all committees are finalized by the month of April. These early nominations are critical to start the tripartite preparation of the committee workplans, which can then be made available to all delegates, pending approval by the relevant committees. These nominations should be based on a clear understanding of the required profile, that is, technical expertise in the subject under discussion, experience in conducting tripartite discussions and consensus building skills.
6. **Registration and identification of Conference participants.** As suggested by the Credentials Committee of the last Conference and during the Governing Body discussions in November 2016, ways are being considered to identify Conference participants better, both in the list of delegations and through differentiated badges, based on their roles at the Conference, including as regards the international non-governmental organizations supporting the groups. These differentiated badges may also facilitate seating arrangements in plenary and committees.

In-session processes

7. The following arrangements are proposed to improve the working conditions within a two-week session closing on **Friday, 16 June**, taking into account that the 2017 Conference will be a budgetary session, with Governing Body elections and the second discussion of a standard-setting item, with the corresponding votes. A tentative plan of work of the Conference reflecting these arrangements is provided in Appendix I. This tentative plan of work will be subject to changes until its adoption by the Selection Committee on the opening day of the Conference. After the March session of the Governing Body, a watermarked draft version of this plan will be posted on the web page of the Conference to facilitate the preparatory processes.

A. Group meetings

8. In 2015 and 2016, time allocated to group meetings was, in general, considered sufficient. Furthermore, in June 2016, two hours of interpretation services (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) were provided to each of the official regional groups on each day of the Conference, with the exception of the opening day.
9. It is proposed to pursue this pattern in 2017; this should offer the flexibility to regional groups, as required, to share the interpretation service time with a regional subgroup needing that support. In 2016, not all regional groups made full use of this facility; prior notification to the secretariat of precise needs would, in such instances, permit the possible redeployment of resources that are not required elsewhere.
10. Interpretation services will be increased on **Sunday, 4 June**, to provide the Employers' and Workers' groups, as well as regional groups, with the opportunity to hold a first preparatory meeting in the afternoon, if requested.
11. On the opening day, it is proposed to schedule regional group meetings from **9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.**, with a one-hour meeting of the whole Government group from **10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.** **Employer and Worker group meetings will take place as accustomed.** The Conference opening ceremony will commence immediately afterwards at **11.30 a.m.**

B. Plenary

12. ***Opening sitting.*** The arrangements trialled since 2015 to reduce the duration of the opening sitting will be pursued. Pending the adoption of amendments to the Standing Orders, the proposed suspensions to the provisions of the Standing Orders will be presented in a *Provisional Record* to be published prior to the opening of the Conference. Those suspensions are described in detail in Appendix II.
13. ***Discussion of the reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and the Director-General.*** Assuming that the number of speakers would be similar to those of recent years, it is proposed to start the discussion on ***Wednesday, 7 June, morning***, and to close it on ***Wednesday, 14 June, end of the afternoon***. This would allow for a maximum of 11 sittings, two each day except ***Monday, 12 June***, as the afternoon will have to be set aside for the three electoral colleges to conduct the Governing Body elections for the 2017–20 term of office, in line with the experience in 2014. Taking into consideration the clear preference of delegates for morning slots and the experience at the last Conference when the afternoon sessions of Thursday and Friday of the first week had to be cancelled due to the lack of speakers, consideration might be given to the possibility of not holding afternoon sittings on ***Thursday or Friday, 8 and 9 June, while leaving it open to convene a sitting should there be increased demand***. Instead, longer morning plenary sittings could be envisaged for ***Monday 12 June and Tuesday 13 June***, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., rather than the normal 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. sittings, to offset the reduced plenary time in the second week due to the Governing Body elections.
14. ***The World of Work Summit***, scheduled for ***Thursday, 15 June***, will be themed around the ***ILO's Women at Work Initiative***. It could be structured around a panel and a number of addresses by high-level dignitaries. In accordance with the views expressed, the visits of the dignitaries should all be scheduled on that day.
15. ***Adoption of committee reports and closing ceremony.*** It is proposed to start plenary period IV (formalities and adoption of the committees' reports) after the closure of the Summit, on ***Thursday, 15 June***, with the adoption of the report of one technical committee. ***Friday, 16 June***, will be entirely devoted to the adoption of the other two technical committee reports, including the vote on the standard-setting item, the report of the Credentials Committee, the report of the Committee on the Application of Standards and the closing ceremony. The reports of the Selection Committee and the Finance Committee will be adopted by the plenary in the course of the second week as they become available, as in past Conferences.

C. Selection Committee

16. Following the suggestion made by the Officers of the Selection Committee and the experience of recent sessions, after the first meeting of the Committee, its Officers will work by email on any routine issue related to the programme of the Conference.
17. The Conference will also hold a discussion on the abrogation of Conventions Nos 4, 15, 28, 41, 60 and 67. In accordance with article 45bis of the Standing Orders and in line with the procedure followed in 2002 and 2004, when the Conference withdrew a number of Recommendations, it is proposed that the Conference refer the item to the Selection Committee for discussion. Following the adoption of the Selection Committee's report by the Conference, a final vote will be held in a plenary sitting on Wednesday, 14 June.

18. If the Governing Body decides to recommend a first set of draft amendments to the Standing Orders of the Conference for adoption by the 106th Session of the Conference,² the Conference could also refer those draft amendments to the Selection Committee for consideration, or set up a Standing Orders Committee.

D. Finance Committee

19. In light of the agenda of the Finance Committee during this budgetary session, a first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, 6 June**, and a second for **Friday, 9 June**.
20. In order to avoid having to produce almost the same report twice, once for the adoption by the committee, the second time for the adoption by the plenary, and to hold a committee sitting only for the adoption of the report, it is proposed to follow the procedure implemented since June 2014 for the adoption of reports of technical committees.³ The report of the Finance Committee will be posted on the web on **Monday, 12 June**, and the adoption by the plenary scheduled for **Tuesday, 13 June**. The deadline for the electronic submission of corrections to the report will be extended to the closure of the Conference or beyond. In view of the need to plan the vote on the programme and budget at the best possible moment, it is proposed to hold it on **Wednesday, 14 June** together with the vote on the abrogation of Conventions Nos 4, 15, 28, 41, 60 and 67.

E. Committee on the Application of Standards (CAS)

21. During the 2016 session, the timely agreement on the list of cases and the dissemination of the long list one month before the opening of the Committee's work, improved time management and the progressive adoption of conclusions on each specific case were identified as valuable improvements. The more dynamic use of the Committee's web page, the introduction of a new programme displaying the list of speakers on screens, the electronic submissions of corrections to the minutes and the introduction of tools to facilitate the communication between the Employer and Worker Vice-Chairpersons were also acknowledged as improving the Committee's work. As a consequence, it was possible to reduce the overall production of documents for the CAS by more than 70 per cent.
22. Informal consultations on the working methods of the CAS took place on **Saturday, 5 November 2016**.⁴ The meeting reviewed the functioning of the Committee in June 2016, including measures that were implemented on an experimental basis, and it examined the issues that would ensure its continued effective functioning. It was decided that the positive reforms trialled last year would be pursued in 2017.
23. Further suggestions for improvement in 2017 were also discussed, in particular as regards time management, a better use of technology and the adoption of the CAS report in a "patchwork" trilingual version. With respect to the adoption of the CAS report, the need to avoid, to the extent possible, any overlap with the World of Work Summit will be duly taken into consideration. Even if there is little flexibility as regards the date of adoption, efforts are being made to find the best possible solution.

² See GB.329/WP/GBC/3.

³ See below, para. 28.

⁴ See the summary of the discussions in GB.328/INS/16, paras 14–26.

F. Credentials Committee

24. One of the consequences of the reduction of the duration of the Conference to two weeks has been the need also to reduce the time limits for the presentation of objections, from 72 to 48 hours for objections against the credentials contained in the *Provisional list of delegations* published on the opening day of the Conference; and, from 48 to 24 hours for objections against credentials contained in the revised provisional list, published in recent years on the Friday morning of the first week of the Conference. The time limit for the lodging of complaints was reduced from seven to five days from the opening of the Conference.
25. In order to avoid that the deadlines for the objections based on the revised provisional list and for complaints fall on a Saturday, when public administrations are often closed and therefore cannot respond to the objection or complaint on the following Monday, it is proposed, as a trial, to publish the revised provisional list one day earlier, on the first Thursday, and to further reduce the time limit for complaints to four days from the opening day of the Conference.⁵
26. As it may not be reasonably possible to reduce further the time limits for submitting objections and complaints, improvements in the situation will continue to depend on the willingness and the ability of the employers' and workers' organizations to submit their cases as early as possible in advance of the deadlines and on the capacity of the secretariat and the Committee to process and consider all cases submitted.

G. Technical committees

27. The agenda of the forthcoming session of the Conference comprises one standard-setting committee: (Employment and decent work for peace and resilience: Revision of the Employment (Transition from War to Peace) Recommendation, 1944 (No. 71), second discussion), and two non-standard setting committees: a general discussion on labour migration, and a recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of fundamental principles and rights at work.
28. Following the experience of past sessions, the reports of the technical committees, once approved by their respective officers, will continue to be submitted directly to the plenary and posted on the Web. In order to reduce pressure on delegates and the secretariat, the deadline for the corrections to the reports of technical committees will be extended until the end of the week after the closure of the Conference. Outcome documents (draft instrument/conclusions) will be posted on the Web the day before their adoption by the plenary.
29. In order to improve time management, the procedural part of the opening sitting of committees will be simplified through streamlining the election processes of the officers, ensuring that the Office introductory remarks are kept to a reasonable duration and that the tentative plan of work of the committee is adopted without unnecessary explanation.
30. Screens will continue to be available to all technical committees for their drafting groups and for the discussion of amendments in plenary. Other facilities are mentioned in paragraph 4 above.

⁵ See also GB.328/WP/GBC/1/2, para. 9 and commentary at p. 15 of the appendix.

31. Arrangements will be put in place in 2017 to address the logistical issues faced in the past during any possible late sittings as regards interpretation services, transport and access to food.

Standard-setting committee

32. The experience of 2015 demonstrated that a standard-setting committee can, during a second discussion, complete its work within the two-week format with the same amount of time (nine days), sequence, number of sittings and group meetings as previously available. The arrangements to be put in place by the committee for the amendment process and the meetings of the committee drafting committee will therefore play a key role.
33. The committee will start its work on **Monday, 5 June** and will complete its discussion by **Wednesday, 14 June**. It will determine the time and frequency of the meetings of its drafting committee, knowing that its final meeting will have to be scheduled before the end of the day, on **Wednesday, 14 June**.
34. As regards the tasks to be discharged by the Committee Drafting Committee, and pending the adoption of possible amendments to the Standing Orders of the Conference,⁶ it is proposed to follow the experience of the 2015 session. Taking into account that the adoption of the committee report containing the proposed Recommendation and the vote on the instrument have to take place on the same morning (**Friday, 16 June**), it is proposed to omit the review of the Recommendation by the Conference Drafting Committee, taking into account that in the case of a Recommendation, this review merely duplicates the work already done by the Committee Drafting Committee.⁷

Non-standard-setting committees

Recurrent discussion

35. Following the discussion held at the 328th Session (November 2016) of the Governing Body on the proposals relating to the modalities of recurrent discussions,⁸ and on the basis of the lessons drawn from the 2016 Committee on the evaluation of the impact of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, informal consultations were held in October 2016 on an annotated outline of the report and the possible holding of a special interactive event.
36. Further consultations are scheduled in February 2017 to discuss the proposed points for discussion and a concept note on the special event. If needed, another round of consultations will be held before the Conference. Subject to the outcome of those consultations, it is tentatively proposed that the discussion be organized as follows:
- (1) opening sitting on **Monday, 5 June, afternoon;**
 - (2) general discussion based on identified points for discussion on **Tuesday, 6 June and Wednesday, 7 (morning), and Thursday, 8 June;**

⁶ GB.329/WP/GBC/3.

⁷ See Appendix II, paras 6–7, for more details.

⁸ *Follow-up to the resolution on Advancing Social Justice through Decent Work: Proposals relating to the modalities of recurrent discussions* (GB 328/INS/5/2).

- (3) special interactive event on *Wednesday, 7 June, in the afternoon*;
- (4) drafting group on *Friday, 9 and Saturday, 10 June* to prepare an outcome document;
- (5) submission of amendments on *Monday, 12 June*;
- (6) the Committee will consider amendments to the draft outcome document on *Tuesday, 13 and Wednesday, 14 June* and complete its work, if possible, in the early afternoon of *Wednesday, 14 June*;
- (7) submission of committee report and proposed outcome document to the plenary for adoption on *Thursday, 15 June*, after the closure of the World of Work Summit.

General discussion

37. A number of reviews and meetings have facilitated the preparation of the report on labour migration to be submitted to the Conference. A Meeting of Experts on Fair Recruitment took place in September 2016 and adopted a set of non-binding general principles and operational guidelines whose publication and dissemination were subsequently authorized by the Governing Body.⁹ In June 2016, the CAS discussed an in-depth General Survey on member States' national law and practice in respect of ILO migrant worker instruments; this addressed, among other matters, the issue of labour migration governance at different levels and the question of recruitment and labour mobility.
38. Tripartite consultations scheduled in February 2017 will aim at identifying points for discussion on the basis of an outline of the report and at elaborating a tentative plan of work, possibly along the following phases:
 - (1) The general discussion on labour migration could start on *Monday 5 June, afternoon*, and conclude by *Wednesday, 7 June, end of the day*.
 - (2) On the basis of the guidance provided by the committee officers, the secretariat will finalize a zero draft of the outcome document (tentative conclusions) to be considered by a tripartite drafting group. Further to the request made during the 328th Session of the Governing Body to allocate, to the extent possible, more time to the drafting process, it is proposed that the tripartite drafting group start its work on *Thursday, 8 June, in the afternoon*, to provide time for group meetings in the morning.
 - (3) The drafting group would then meet on *Friday, 9 and Saturday, 10 June*. The draft conclusions would be distributed to the groups and posted password protected on the web page of the committee.
 - (4) If necessary, the committee could reconvene on *Monday, 12 June*, with a short late morning sitting (from 12 noon to 1 p.m.) in order for the tripartite members of the drafting group to explain their proposals.
 - (5) Submission of amendments to the draft conclusions could be scheduled in the afternoon of *Monday, 12 June*, at a time to be determined, after the closure of the Governing Body elections.

⁹ GB.328/INS/17/4.

- (6) During the two remaining days (*Tuesday, 13 and Wednesday, 14 June*), the committee could discuss the amendments received and adopt the outcome text, for submission to the Conference plenary on *Friday, 16 June*.

Side events

39. In order to avoid overlaps or disruptions in the work of the plenary and the committees, it is proposed to pursue the policy applied since 2015 of restricting the holding of side events to ceremonies or briefing sessions on major issues having a direct link with the ILO. In 2017, it is proposed to celebrate the World Day against Child Labour on *Monday, 12 June*. The time, format and venue will be communicated at a later stage.

Draft decision

40. *The Working Party, having examined the proposed arrangements contained in document GB.329/WP/GBC/2 and the tentative plan of work for the 106th Session (June 2017) of the Conference, recommends that the Governing Body propose to the Conference that it implement these arrangements for the International Labour Conference in June 2017.*

Appendix I

Tentative plan of work – 106th Session (5–16 June 2017) of the International Labour Conference

	Su 4	M 5	T 6	W 7	Th 8	F 9	Sa 10	M 12	T 13	W 14	Th 15	F 16	Sa 17
Plenary sittings		■		■	■	■		■	■	■	■ ³	■	
GB elections								■					
Committee on the Application of Standards		■ ¹	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	A	PL	
Committee for Labour Migration (<i>general discussion</i>)		■ ¹	■	■	■ ^{**}	■ ^{**}	■ ^{**}	□ ^{***}	■	■		PL	
Committee on Employment and Decent Work for the Transition to Peace (<i>standard setting, second discussion</i>) CDC *		■ ¹	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		PL/V	
Committee for the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (<i>recurrent discussion</i>)		■ ¹	■	■	■	■ ^{**}	■ ^{**}	□ ^{***}	■	■	PL		
Finance Committee			■			■ (V) ⁵			PL	V			
Selection Committee		■ ¹		PL	■ ⁴			PL		V ⁴			
Group meetings	■	■					■						
Governing Body		■ ²											■

¹ As from 2.30 p.m.

² Programme, Financial and Administrative Section of the Governing Body.

³ World of Work Summit.

⁴ For the abrogation of Conventions Nos 4, 15, 28, 41, 60 and 67.

⁵ If there is a request from a member State to recover the voting right.

*The committee will have to determine the time and frequency of the meetings of its Committee Drafting Committee (CDC) ** Drafting Group *** Receipt of amendments

A Adoption by the Committee of its report.

PL Adoption of the report by the Conference in plenary sittings.

■ Half-day sitting. ■ All-day sitting.

□ Sitting if necessary. V vote in plenary.

Appendix II

Suspension of various provisions of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference

Introduction

1. The implementation of the proposed format of the 106th Session (5–16 June 2017) of the International Labour Conference requires a number of changes to the Standing Orders of the Conference. Pending the adoption of amendments to the Standing Orders, it is proposed to proceed, as in the past, by suspending the relevant Standing Orders provisions for this session in accordance with article 76 of the Standing Orders.
2. All proposed suspensions have, unless otherwise specified, already been applied over the last three sessions of the Conference.

Proposed suspensions

World of Work Summit

3. For the ILO World of Work Summit, to the extent necessary to enable statements of Heads of State and Government, Prime Ministers and Vice-Presidents, and interactive panel-style sessions, it is proposed to suspend:
 - (a) the limitation concerning the number of statements by each member State in plenary and, to that extent, article 12, paragraph 3;
 - (b) the provisions regarding time limits of speeches and, to that extent, article 14, paragraph 6;
 - (c) the sequence in which the speakers are given the floor, in order to facilitate an exchange of views and, to that extent, the provisions of article 14, paragraph 2; and
 - (d) the rules on moving the closure of the discussion provided in article 16.

Records of the Conference

4. As regards the records of the Conference, apart from renewing the arrangements made at previous sessions, it is proposed to discontinue the publication of the *Provisional Records* containing the speeches made during the plenary discussion of the reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and of the Director-General. Instead, as at the last sessions, audio recordings of the speeches will be made available online immediately after their delivery and the text of any speech or its translation into an official language will be provided on demand. These arrangements would permit important savings. It is accordingly proposed to suspend several provisions of article 23, namely:
 - (a) paragraph 1 to the extent necessary to permit the publication of certain *Provisional Records* only after the Conference and not to publish *Provisional Records* containing the speeches made during the plenary discussion of the reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and of the Director-General;
 - (b) paragraph 2 solely for the purpose of permitting the Director-General to present only in writing his reply to points raised in the discussion in plenary of his Report to the Conference; and
 - (c) paragraph 3 with respect to the deadline for receiving proposed corrections to the *Provisional Records*, to permit that all records – those published during the session as

well as those published afterwards – be reviewed together within the same time period following the Conference.

Time limits for filing objections and complaints with the Credentials Committee

5. To enable the Committee to examine all objections and complaints in time, it is proposed to reduce the time limit for lodging objections from 72 to 48 hours from the opening of the Conference (and from 48 to 24 hours from the publication of a *Revised list of delegations*) (with the possibility for the Committee to make exceptions) and to reduce the time limit for complaints from seven to five days. In addition to suspending article 26bis(1)(a) and article 26ter(3)(a) to the extent that they provide for the current, longer time limits, this would also require adopting amended provisions to replace them, which provide for the new, shorter, time limits. With respect to complaints, it is proposed to trial this year for the first time a deadline of four days instead of previously five days.¹ For the duration of the 106th Session of the Conference only, the relevant provisions would thus read as follows (emphasis added):

ARTICLE 26BIS

Objections

1. An objection in pursuance of article 5, paragraph 2(a), shall not be receivable in the following cases:

- (a) if the objection is not lodged with the Secretary-General within **48** hours from 10 a.m. of the first day of the Conference, the date of publication in the *Provisional Record* of the official list of delegations, on the basis of the presence of a person's name or functions on this list, or its absence. If the objection is based on a revised list, the time limit shall be reduced to **24** hours;

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ARTICLE 26TER

Complaints

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3. A complaint shall be receivable if:

- (a) it is lodged with the Secretary-General of the Conference before 10 a.m. on the **fourth** day following the opening of the Conference or, thereafter, in the case of a complaint referred to in paragraph 2, it is lodged within 48 hours of the alleged act or omission preventing attendance of the delegate or adviser concerned, and if the Committee considers that there is sufficient time to deal with it properly; and

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Conference Drafting Committee

6. In accordance with article 40(7) and article 6(3) of the Standing Orders, once adopted by the plenary of the Conference, a draft Convention or Recommendation has to be reviewed by the Drafting Committee of the Conference, which prepares the final text of the instrument

¹ See GB.328/WP/GBC/1/2, para. 9 and commentary at p. 15.

to be put to the vote of the Conference. However, since under the proposed arrangements for the two-week Conference the adoption of the committee report containing the proposed instrument and the final vote on the instrument will take place on the same morning, there will be no time for a full review by the Conference Drafting Committee. In the case of a Recommendation, under normal circumstances, the task of the Conference Committee is limited to merely double-checking the legal consistency of the text and the concordance between the English and French versions, as the proposed instrument has already been fully reviewed by the drafting committee of the competent technical committee (article 59(1) of the Standing Orders) and no further amendments to the text are normally adopted by the committee or the plenary.

7. It is accordingly proposed to suspend article 40(7) and article 6(3) of the Standing Orders to the extent necessary to omit the review of the proposed Recommendation concerning Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience by the Conference Drafting Committee, provided that the text is adopted by the plenary as proposed by the drafting committee of the Committee on Employment and Decent Work for the Transition to Peace. The general responsibilities of the Conference Drafting Committee as set out in article 6(3) of the Standing Orders will be assumed by the Committee Drafting Committee. Should the Conference amend the text proposed by the Committee Drafting Committee, a short meeting of the Conference Drafting Committee – which should still be appointed – could take place to review such amendment and its possible consequences on the rest of the text.

Adoption of committee reports

8. Since 2014, technical committees have delegated to their officers the authority to approve their reports to avoid the holding of an additional committee sitting to adopt the reports before their submission to the plenary. This does not in itself require the suspension of any Standing Orders. However, with respect to standard-setting committees, whose reports contain a proposed instrument, it would be necessary to suspend article 67 – which concerns the possibility for a standard-setting committee to consider amendments to the text of a proposed instrument submitted by its drafting committee – to avoid that the committee may have to hold an additional sitting for the adoption of the report containing the proposed instrument. It is therefore proposed to suspend article 67.