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Composition, agenda and programme of standing bodies and meetings

Part I. Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

Technical meeting to promote an exchange of views on the further development and implementation of the integrated strategy to address decent work deficits in the tobacco sector (Kampala, 3–5 July 2019)

Background

1. The Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) directed the Director-General:
 - (a) to organize a tripartite meeting as a matter of urgency, to promote an exchange of views on the further development and implementation of the strategy, with among others, the participation of the directly affected countries and social partners in the tobacco sector;
 - (b) to present an update on the costed and time-bound integrated strategy to be presented to the Governing Body at its 337th Session in October–November 2019;
 - (c) to continue the ongoing project-based efforts to eliminate child labour using Regular Budget Supplementary Account funds and other public funds in the short term;
 - (d) to continue efforts to mobilize various sustainable sources of funding from the public and private sector with appropriate safeguards.
2. Following informal consultations and in accordance with the Standing Orders for tripartite meetings, the Governing Body is invited to determine the date, length, place, languages, composition and the form of the results of the proceedings of the meeting. The Governing Body is also invited to either appoint one of its regular or deputy members as Chairperson of the meeting or request the Office to select an independent person.

Date, length, place, languages and form of the results of the proceedings of the tripartite meeting

3. Following informal consultations, the Director-General proposes that:
- the meeting takes the form of a technical meeting of three days, from 3 to 5 July 2019;
 - the meeting be held in Kampala, Uganda, so as to facilitate the participation of the four directly affected countries (Malawi, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia) and social partners in the tobacco sector;
 - the languages of the meeting be English, French and Spanish;
 - the meeting will have as output a note on its proceedings, based upon which the Office will present an update on the costed and time-bound integrated strategy to be submitted to the Governing Body at its 337th Session (October–November 2019) for information.

Composition

4. The Director-General proposes that the technical meeting shall be composed of:
- one representative of each interested government;
 - eight representatives of employers and eight representatives of workers as appointed by the Employers' and Workers' groups of the Governing Body;
5. In accordance with the Standing Orders, the Director-General proposes that each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. The sittings of the meeting shall be public. Governments not represented may attend the meeting as observers. The Employers' and Workers' groups may each appoint observers.
6. The Director-General proposes that the intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations indicated in the annex be invited.

Draft decision

- 7. The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, approved the holding of a Technical Meeting to Promote an Exchange of Views on the Further Development and Implementation of the Integrated Strategy to Address Decent Work Deficits in the Tobacco Sector, the dates, venue, languages and composition proposed, the appointment of Uganda, Governing Body member, as chairperson, as well as the list of organizations to be invited as indicated in the annex.***

**Workers' Symposium: The ILO Centenary:
Workers' Perspective for Social Justice
(Geneva, 7–9 October 2019)**

8. The Programme and Budget for 2018–19 includes a provision for a Workers' Symposium on The ILO Centenary: Workers' Perspective for Social Justice. It is proposed to hold the Symposium in Geneva from 7 to 9 October 2019.

9. The Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) has implemented the Future of Work Initiative launched by the ILO Director-General via support to the Workers' group in the ILO policy organs, interaction with worker commissioners ahead of the launch of the global report *Work for a Brighter Future* and through a series of regional and subregional events which have brought together labour leaders to discuss – among themselves, with employers, academics, opinion leaders and ILO officials – the current and foreseeable transformations in the world of work. Two years ago, the ACTRAV global Symposium launched this process and it will be appropriate to use the upcoming meeting in order to distil guidance for the years to come, including in reference to the report of the Global Commission. Topics that are emerging for new regulation, such as digitalization and the world, will be dealt together with issues that are still central to the trade unions' reflection, such as global supply chains, inequality and the link between democracy, peace and social justice. The Symposium will also be the occasion to bring together labour leaders for the first time to discuss how to implement the possible outcome of the upcoming 108th (Centenary) Session (2019) of the International Labour Conference.

Composition

10. It is proposed that the Symposium be attended by 30 or more trade union representatives, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body and coming from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab States. ACTRAV will sponsor representatives from developing and transition countries, while trade unions from developed countries will participate at their own expense.
11. Efforts will be made to ensure gender parity, in compliance with the Workers' group's policy on gender equality.

Agenda

12. The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the Symposium:
- A world in transition: New strategies to deliver the social contract.
 - Strengthening social dialogue and collective bargaining to regulate the world of work.
 - A rights-based approach to social justice: Addressing regulatory gaps and improving working conditions.
 - The contribution of the ILO to the multilateral system: Advancing the Decent Work Agenda for sustainable development.

Draft decision

13. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, approved the holding of the Workers' Symposium and its composition and agenda, and the list of international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Symposium as observers (as indicated in the appended table).*

Invitations of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations to official meetings

108th Session of the International Labour Conference
(Geneva, 10–21 June 2019)

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

14. Under the Constitution of the Organisation and the Standing Orders of the Conference, international non-governmental organizations other than those with which consultative relationships have been established may be invited by the Governing Body to be represented at the Conference in so far as attendance at the plenary sittings is concerned, while the invitation of such organizations to be represented on committees appointed by the Conference remains a matter for the Conference itself.
15. At its 256th Session (May 1993), the Governing Body delegated to its Officers the authority to invite international non-governmental organizations wishing to be represented at sessions of the General Conference, it being understood that requests for invitations presenting a particular problem would continue to be submitted to the Governing Body through its Officers.
16. The Director-General has received requests to be represented at the 108th (Centenary) Session (2019) of the International Labour Conference from the organizations listed in the appendix, which have expressed interest in certain items on the agenda. These organizations have already been invited to one or more sessions of the Conference after their requests to be invited had been approved by the Officers of the Governing Body. In making their requests, these organizations supplied proof of their interest in following the proceedings of the International Labour Conference.

Draft decision

17. *The Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, authorizes the Director-General:*
 - (i) *to invite the organizations listed in the appendix to be represented at the Conference, it being understood that it will be for the Conference to consider their requests to participate in the work of the committees dealing with the agenda items in which they have stated a special interest; and*
 - (ii) *to inform the organizations concerned that they may nominate one person only for each of the agenda items in respect of which their interest has been recognized.*

Invitation of observers to other official meetings

- 18.** Invitation of observers to official meetings other than the International Labour Conference are determined according to the following criteria:
- (i) Intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite on the basis of a standing arrangement with the ILO. These organizations are presented for information only.
 - (ii) Intergovernmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, as authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body.
 - (iii) International non-governmental organizations that the Director-General intends to invite, subject to authorization by the Governing Body.

Draft decision

- 19.** *The Governing Body endorses the proposals made in the appended table (appendix) relating to the invitation of international non-governmental organizations as observers to the meetings listed therein.*

Part II. Programme of meetings for 2019 and 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of meeting</i>	<i>Place</i>
2019		
14–28 March	335th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
9–11 April ¹	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste (E-waste)	Geneva
6–10 May ²	Sectoral Meeting on Promoting Decent Work and Safety and Health in Forestry	Geneva
6–7 June	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
10–21 June	108th (Centenary) Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
22 June	336th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
3–5 July	Technical Meeting to Promote an Exchange of Views on the Further Development and Implementation of the Integrated Strategy to Address Decent Work Deficits in the Tobacco Sector ³	Kampala
23–27 September ²	Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Code of Practice or Guidelines on Best Practices in Road Transport Safety	Geneva
23–27 September ⁴	Fifth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group	Geneva
7–9 October	Workers' Symposium: The ILO Centenary: Workers' Perspective for Social Justice	Geneva
24 October–7 November	337th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
20 November–7 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva
3–5 December ²	Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport	Geneva
3–6 December ⁵	14th African Regional Meeting	Abidjan
2020 (advance information)		
Second half of February (tbc) ⁶	Meeting on decent work in global supply chains	Geneva
12–26 March	338th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
21–22 May	Committee on Freedom of Association	Geneva
25 May–5 June	109th Session of the International Labour Conference	Geneva
6 June	339th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
29 October–12 November	340th Session of the Governing Body	Geneva
25 November–12 December	Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations	Geneva

¹ Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) ([GB.329/POL/4](#), Appendix II) and 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/POL/3](#) and [GB.334/INS/15\(Rev.\)](#)).

² Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) ([GB.329/POL/4](#), Appendix II), 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/INS/15\(Rev.\)](#)) and at its 335th Session (March 2019).

³ Subject to approval by the Governing Body at its current session.

⁴ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/LILS/3](#)).

⁵ Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) ([GB.334/INS/14/1](#)).

⁶ Further to the decision taken by the Governing Body at its 328th Session (October–November 2016) ([GB.328/INS/5/1\(Add.\)](#)).

Draft decision

20. *The Governing Body takes note of the programme of meetings, as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body, subject to decisions yet to be adopted, (as described in the footnotes).*

Appendix

Proposed invitations of observers to the ILC

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (through a standing arrangement with the ILO or standing authorization from the Governing Body)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)
108th (Centenary) Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 10–21 June 2019)	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) ■ Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration ■ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) ■ United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) ■ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ■ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) ■ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ■ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) ■ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) ■ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) ■ United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) ■ United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) ■ United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) ■ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) ■ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) ■ United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) ■ African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC) ■ Arab Centre for Labour Administration and Employment (ACLAE) ■ Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC) ■ Centre régional africain d'administration du travail (CRADAT) ■ Commonwealth ■ European Public Law Organization (EPLO) ■ Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) ■ International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) ■ Latin American Economic System (SELA) ■ North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) ■ Nordic Council (NC) ■ Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR) ■ Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) ■ Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) ■ Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) ■ West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) ■ World Trade Organization (WTO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Social Security Association (ISSA) (by standing arrangement) <p>Employers' organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Christian Union of Business Executives ■ World Employment Confederation ■ World Federation of Personnel Management Associations <p>Workers' organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African Organization of Mines, Metal, Energy, Chemical and Allied Trade Unions ■ Alternativa Democrática Sindical de las Américas ■ Asociación Latinoamericana de Abogados Laboralistas ■ Building and Wood Workers International ■ Confederación de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de las Universidades de las Américas ■ Confederación Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Trabajadores Estatales ■ Education International ■ European Centre for Workers' Questions ■ European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions ■ European Trade Union Confederation ■ General Confederation of Trade Unions

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (through a standing arrangement with the ILO or standing authorization from the Governing Body)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Regional Commissions ■ United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) ■ United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants ■ United Nations University (UNU) ■ UN Women ■ World Food Programme (WFP) <p>Specialized agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) ■ International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ■ International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) ■ International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ■ International Maritime Organization (IMO) ■ International Telecommunications Union (ITU) ■ United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ■ World Health Organization (WHO) ■ World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ■ World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) <p>Regional organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African Development Bank (AfDB) ■ African Union (AU) ■ Andean Community (CAN) ■ Arab Labour Organization (ALO) ■ Asian Development Bank ■ Asian Productivity Organization ■ Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ IndustriALL Global Union ■ International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions ■ International Domestic Workers Federation ■ International Young Christian Workers ■ Latin American Union of Municipal Workers ■ Public Services International ■ Southern Africa Trade Union Coordination Council ■ Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development ■ Trade Union International of Pensioners and Retired Persons ■ Trade Unions International of Transport Workers ■ Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries ■ UNI Global Union ■ World Federation of Teachers' Unions ■ World Organization of Workers <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters ■ Anti-Slavery International ■ Arab Federation of Petroleum Mining and Chemical Workers ■ Association of Volunteers for International Service ■ CARE International

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Caribbean Community (CARICOM) ■ Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) ■ Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) ■ Council of Europe ■ East African Community (EAC) ■ Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) ■ Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ■ Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) ■ European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) ■ European Union (EU) ■ Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ■ Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) ■ Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) ■ League of Arab States ■ South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) ■ Southern African Development Community (SADC) ■ Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) ■ Organization of American States (OAS) <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries (CPLP) ■ G7+ ■ International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI) ■ International Monetary Fund (IMF) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Caritas Internationalis ■ Clean Clothes Campaign ■ Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America ■ Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women ■ Human Rights Watch ■ International Association of Free Thought ■ International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance ■ International Catholic Migration Commission ■ International Centre for Trade Union Rights ■ International Confederation of Executive Staff ■ International Coordination of Young Christian Workers ■ International Council on Social Welfare ■ International Energy and Mines Organization ■ International Federation of Business and Professional Women ■ International Federation of Journalists ■ International Federation of Women in Legal Careers ■ International Federation Terre des Hommes ■ International Kolping Society ■ International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth ■ International Secretariat for Catholic Engineers, Agronomists and Industry Officials

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Organization for Migration (IOM) ■ Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU) ■ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) ■ Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) ■ World Bank Group 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations ■ Make Mothers Matter ■ Migrant Forum in Asia ■ Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas ■ PLAN International ■ SOLIDAR ■ StreetNet International ■ Union Africaine de la Mutualité ■ Union of International Associations ■ Unión Latinoamericana de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control ■ Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing ■ Workability International ■ World Medical Association ■ World Movement of Christian Workers ■ World Union of Professions ■ Zonta International

Proposed invitations of observers to other official meetings

Title of the meeting	Intergovernmental organizations (through a standing arrangement with the ILO or standing authorization from the Governing Body)	Intergovernmental organizations (authorized by the Officers of the Governing Body)	International non-governmental organizations (authorized by the Governing Body)
Tripartite Technical Meeting on an Integrated Strategy to Address Decent Work Deficits in the Tobacco Sector	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) ■ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <p>Specialized agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) ■ International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ■ World Bank Group ■ World Health Organization (WHO) <p>Regional organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ African Development Bank (AfDB) <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Organization for Migration (IOM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ World Trade Organization (WTO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Aga Khan Foundation ■ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ■ Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) ■ Eliminating Child Labour in Tobacco Growing Foundation (ECLT) ■ IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative ■ International Tobacco Growers Association (ITGA) ■ International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers’ Associations (IUF) ■ Winrock International <p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ■ International Organisation of Employers (IOE)
Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Code of Practice or Guidelines on Best Practices in Road Transport Safety (Geneva, 23–27 September 2019)	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) ■ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) ■ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) ■ International Road Transport Union (IRU) ■ International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) ■ International Union of Public Transport (UITP) <p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ■ International Organisation of Employers (IOE)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ■ United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) ■ United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety <p>Specialized agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Telecommunications Union (ITU) ■ World Health Organization (WHO) ■ World Bank Group ■ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development <p>Other organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Transport Forum (OECD-ITF) ■ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 		
<p>Workers' Symposium: The ILO Centenary: Workers' Perspective for Social Justice</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI) ■ Education International (EI) ■ European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) ■ IndustriALL Global Union ■ International Arts and Entertainment Alliance (IAEA) ■ International Federation of Actors (FIA) ■ International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) ■ International Federation of Musicians (FIM) ■ International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) ■ International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF)

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<p>14th African Regional Meeting (Abidjan, 3–6 December 2019) In addition to the list of organizations already invited to be represented as observers, as approved by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018) GB.334/INS/15(Rev.), paragraph 13</p>	<p>United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ United Nations Economic Commission for Africa <p>Regional organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Arab Labour Organization (ALO) ■ East African Community ■ Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Public Services International (PSI) ■ Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) ■ UNI Global Union <p>NGOs having general consultative status with the ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) ■ Organization of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) ■ World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) 	