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## Report of the Director-General

### Regular report – Addendum: Obituary

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the passing, on 25 July 2022, of Ms Jean Perlin, former Government member of the Governing Body.
2. Ms Perlin, a Canadian national, worked at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva from 1994 to 2000. During that time, she served as a substitute member of the Government group of the Governing Body from its 261st to its 278th Session. For many years of her life, Ms Perlin worked for the Canadian International Development Agency and External Affairs. The former took her to Bangkok, Thailand and Harare, Zimbabwe; the latter allowed Ms Perlin to represent Canada at the ILO and the World Health Organization in Geneva. After her retirement, she worked as a consultant to a variety of UN organizations in Geneva.
3. Ms Perlin chaired the Sub-Committee on Multinational Enterprises over multiple sessions of the Governing Body. She made major contributions to the negotiations and adoption of the 1998 ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, as she worked closely with the Chair of the Committee on the Declaration of Principles of the International Labour Conference, then-Canadian Ambassador Mark Moher. She also participated in a number of tripartite missions for the evaluation of ILO technical cooperation projects. Ms Perlin will be remembered by the international community for her dedication to the Organization's work, her soft-spoken nature and her kindness.

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4. **The Governing Body paid tribute to the memory of Ms Jean Perlin and invited the Director-General to convey its condolences to the family of Ms Perlin and to the Government of Canada.**