



EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

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I. Obituary

Halldor Heldal

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the death, on 29 September 2000, of Halldor Heldal, former representative of the Government of Norway on the Governing Body.
2. Born in 1918, Mr. Heldal worked with the Ministry of Social Affairs of Norway from 1948 to 1983, and the Ministry of Local Government and Labour from 1984 to 1987. During his service with the Ministry of Social Affairs, he was posted as social attaché to London (1958-59) and represented NORAD in Zambia (1970-72).
3. His involvement with the ILO began as a Government member of the Norwegian delegation to the International Labour Conference, which he attended with few exceptions from 1950 to 1987, leading the Norwegian delegation to the Conference from 1975 onwards. He took an active part in the long negotiations at the Conference during that period on the structure of the Organization. He represented Norway on the Governing Body from 1975 to 1978 and from 1984 to 1987, serving in a number of committees, in particular as Chairperson of the Committee on Discrimination.
4. Mr. Heldal was committed to the key concerns of the ILO, in particular international social development, equality and non-discrimination, as well as the promotion of consultation and good governance. He was heavily involved in the ILO's work to combat apartheid. He will be remembered in particular for his tolerance and understanding, and as an exemplary advocate of tripartism.
5. *The Governing Body will no doubt request the Director-General to convey its sympathy to the family of Mr. Heldal and to the Government of Norway.*

II. Progress in international labour legislation

Ratifications of Conventions

6. Since the 277th Session of the Governing Body, the Director-General has registered the following 100 ratifications of international labour Conventions, bringing the total number registered on 26 September 2000 to 6,813:

Argentina

Ratification registered on 3 July 2000:

Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169)

Austria

Ratification registered on 18 September 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Azerbaijan

Ratifications registered on 9 August 2000:

Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81)

Protocol of 1995 to the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947

Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105)

Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969 (No. 129)

Bahrain

Ratification registered on 26 September 2000:

Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)

Belarus

Ratification registered on 30 May 2000:

Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155)

Belize

Ratifications registered on 6 March 2000:

Maternity Protection Convention (Revised), 1952 (No. 103)

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)

Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Benin

Ratification registered on 6 April 2000:

Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160)

Brazil

Ratification registered on 2 February 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Bulgaria

Ratification registered on 28 July 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Burundi

Ratification registered on 19 July 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Canada

Ratification registered on 6 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Cape Verde

Ratification registered on 9 August 2000:

Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155)

Central African Republic

Ratifications registered on 28 June 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Chile

Ratifications registered on 17 July 2000:

Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Denmark

Ratification registered on 14 August 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Ecuador

Ratifications registered on 19 September 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Eritrea

Ratifications registered on 22 February 2000:

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)

Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)

Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)

Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105)

Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Estonia

Ratification registered on 13 September 2000:

Prevention of Major Industrial Accidents Convention, 1993 (No. 174)

Ghana

Ratification registered on 13 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Hungary

Ratification registered on 20 April 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Iceland

Ratification registered on 29 May 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Ratification registered on 22 June 2000:

Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156)

India

Ratification registered on 18 May 2000:

Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105)

Indonesia

Ratification registered on 28 March 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Italy

Ratification registered on 1 February 2000:

Private Employment Agencies Convention, 1997 (No. 181)

Ratification registered on 13 April 2000:

Part-Time Work Convention, 1994 (No. 175)

Ratifications registered on 7 June 2000:

Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979 (No. 152)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983
(No. 159)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Japan

Ratification registered on 5 June 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Jordan

Ratification registered on 20 April 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Kuwait

Ratifications registered on 15 August 2000:

Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Kyrgyzstan

Ratification registered on 26 July 2000:

Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81)

Lebanon

Ratifications registered on 23 February 2000:

Benzene Convention, 1971 (No. 136)

Occupational Cancer Convention, 1974 (No. 139)

Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983
(No. 159)

Working Conditions (Hotels and Restaurants) Convention, 1991 (No. 172)

Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176)

Madagascar

Ratification registered on 31 May 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Mali

Ratification registered on 14 July 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Mauritius

Ratification registered on 8 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Mexico

Ratification registered on 30 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Republic of Moldova

Ratifications registered on 23 March 2000:

Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)

Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108)

Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970 (No. 131)

Ratifications registered on 28 April 2000:

Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155)

Protocol of 1995 to the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947

Ratification registered on 21 September 1999:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Papua New Guinea

Ratifications registered on 2 June 2000:

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)

Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)

Maternity Protection Convention (Revised), 1952 (No. 103)

Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)

Termination of Employment Convention, 1982 (No. 158)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Portugal

Ratification registered on 15 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Qatar

Ratification registered on 30 May 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Russian Federation

Ratification registered on 4 September 2000:

Asbestos Convention, 1986 (No. 162)

Rwanda

Ratification registered on 23 May 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Ratifications registered on 25 August 2000:

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)

Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)

Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)

Ratification registered on 4 September 2000:

Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98)

San Marino

Ratification registered on 15 March 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Senegal

Ratification registered on 1 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Seychelles

Ratification registered on 7 March 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

South Africa

Ratifications registered on 30 March 2000:

Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Ratification registered on 7 June 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Ratification registered on 9 June 2000:

Safety and Health in Mines Convention, 1995 (No. 176)

Sri Lanka

Ratification registered on 11 February 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Switzerland

Ratifications registered on 28 June 2000:

Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

United Republic of Tanzania

Ratification registered on 18 April 2000:

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)

Togo

Ratification registered on 19 September 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Tunisia

Ratification registered on 28 February 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Ratification registered on 21 August 2000:

Protocol of 1990 to the Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1948

Turkey

Ratification registered on 26 June 2000:

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983 (No. 159)

Ukraine

Ratification registered on 11 April 2000:

Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156)

United Kingdom

Ratification registered on 22 March 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Ratification registered on 7 June 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Yemen

Ratifications registered on 15 June 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144)

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Zimbabwe

Ratification registered on 6 June 2000:

Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)

Denunciation of Conventions

Chile

7. The Director-General registered, on 8 August 2000, the denunciation by Chile of the Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Convention, 1925 (No. 17), and the Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Convention, 1925 (No. 18). The text of the communication concerning the denunciation by Chile of these Conventions reads as follows:

(Translation)

I have pleasure in writing to you concerning the invitation made by the Governing Body to member States which are parties to the Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Convention, 1925 (No. 17), and the Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Convention, 1925 (No. 18), and which have also ratified the Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 (No. 121) (Schedule I of which was amended in 1980), to denounce Conventions Nos. 17 and 18.

Mauritius

8. The Director-General registered, on 2 March 2000, the denunciation by Mauritius of the Recruiting of Indigenous Workers Convention, 1936 (No. 50). The text of the communication concerning the denunciation by Mauritius of this Convention reads as follows:

In accordance with Article 29 of the Recruiting of Indigenous Workers Convention, 1936 (No. 50), I, Satya Veyash Faugoo, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius, hereby denounce the above-named ILO Convention on the ground that the provisions of the Convention have no relevance to the Republic of Mauritius.

I have signed this instrument of denunciation in my capacity as Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations, Employment and Human Resource Development of the Government of Mauritius.

Netherlands

9. The Director-General registered, on 2 March 2000, the denunciation by the Netherlands of the Weekly Rest (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1957 (No. 106). The text of the communication concerning the denunciation by the Netherlands of this Convention reads as follows:

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in conformity with the provisions of Article 16, paragraph 1, of the Convention concerning weekly rest in commerce and offices, adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organization during its 40th Session on 5 June 1957, that the Kingdom of the Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe and Aruba) denounces the said Convention.

Declarations concerning the application and denunciation of Conventions regarding non-metropolitan territories
(article 35 of the Constitution)

10. The Director-General has registered the following declarations concerning the application and denunciation of international labour Conventions regarding non-metropolitan territories:

Denmark

Declaration registered on 14 July 2000:

Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182)

Not applicable: Faeroe Islands and Greenland

France

Declaration registered on 5 April 2000:

Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81)

Applicable without modification: New Caledonia

Netherlands

Declaration registered on 2 March 2000:

Weekly Rest (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1957 (No. 106)

Denounced: Aruba

Constitution of the International Labour Organization Instrument of Amendment, 1997

- 11.** Since the 277th Session of the Governing Body, the Director-General has received the following ratifications and acceptances of the instrument:

Antigua and Barbuda	Acceptance	17 April 2000
Azerbaijan	Ratification	9 August 2000
Bangladesh	Ratification	9 August 2000
Italy *	Ratification	28 September 2000
Malta	Acceptance	27 September 2000
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Ratification	25 September 2000
Switzerland	Ratification	28 June 2000
Syrian Arab Republic	Acceptance	1 August 2000
Togo	Acceptance	1 June 2000
Turkey	Ratification	23 February 2000
United Kingdom *	Ratification	23 March 2000
Yemen	Acceptance	11 August 2000

* State of chief industrial importance.

The total number of ratifications and acceptances is now 62, including four by States of chief industrial importance.

Geneva, 24 October 2000.

Point for decision: Paragraph 5.