



EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

Second Supplementary Report: Incomplete delegations at tripartite meetings

1. Acting on the resolution concerning the strengthening of tripartism in the overall activities of the ILO, adopted by the Conference at its 56th Session (1971), the Governing Body requested the Director-General to carry out inquiries concerning the failure of governments to send tripartite delegations to sessions of the General Conference, regional conferences and industrial committees¹ and to report to it on this subject.
2. At its 205th Session (February-March) 1978, the Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, decided to authorize the Director-General to extend the scope of the inquiries to cases of failure to send any delegations at all.
3. The last report on the subject was submitted to the Governing Body at its 273rd Session (November 1998). The following report covers the 86th, 87th and 88th Sessions of the Conference.
4. The table overleaf indicates the absent or incomplete delegations at the meetings concerned and summarizes the explanations received from member States. The 66 letters sent elicited only 11 replies, which referred primarily to financial constraints.

Geneva, 26 February 2001.

¹ Since January 1996, with the exception of the Tripartite Meeting on Breaking through the Glass Ceiling: Women in Management (Geneva, 15-19 December 1997), the Employers' and Workers' representatives at sectoral meetings are appointed by their respective groups. Such meetings are therefore not covered in this report.

Appendix

Absent Country	Incomplete delegations			Explanations received	
	Government delegates only	No Employers' delegate	No Workers' delegate	Financial constraints	Other
86th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 2-18 June 1998)					
Antigua and Barbuda	Afghanistan	Chad	Equatorial Guinea	Belize	<i>Dominica</i> – Clash of ILC dates with internal Parliamentary calendar and financial constraints
Armenia	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Liberia		Saint Lucia	
Belize	Gambia	Sierra Leone		Malawi	
Cambodia	Tajikistan				
Comoros					
Djibouti					
Dominica					
Eritrea					
Malawi					
Saint Kitts and Nevis					
Saint Lucia					
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines					
Solomon Islands					
Somalia ²					
Turkmenistan					
Uzbekistan					
Yugoslavia ²					

Absent Country	Incomplete delegations			Explanations received	
	Government delegates only	No Employers' delegate	No Workers' delegate	Financial constraints	Other
87th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 1-17 June 1999)					
Antigua and Barbuda	Afghanistan ²	Georgia	None	Guyana	<i>Georgia</i> – Employers' organizations as yet too weak to supply delegates
Belize	Armenia	Kazakhstan		Armenia	
Comoros	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lao People's Democratic Republic		Gambia	
Djibouti	Gambia	Tajikistan			
Dominica	Kyrgyzstan				
Equatorial Guinea	Sao Tome and Principe				
Grenada					
Guyana					
Saint Kitts and Nevis					
Saint Lucia					
Sierra Leone ²					
Solomon Islands					
Somalia ²					
Suriname					
Turkmenistan					
Uzbekistan					
Yugoslavia ²					

Absent Country	Incomplete delegations			Explanations received	
	Government delegates only	No Employers' delegate	No Workers' delegate	Financial constraints	Other
88th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 30 May-15 June 2000)					
Antigua and Barbuda	Afghanistan ²	Rwanda	None	Rwanda	None
Comoros	Armenia				
Dominica	Bosnia and Herzegovina				
Equatorial Guinea	Herzegovina				
Fiji	Ecuador				
Gambia	Haiti				
Grenada	Kiribati				
Kyrgyzstan	Sao Tome and Principe				
Saint Kitts and Nevis					
Saint Lucia					
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines					
Solomon Islands					
Somalia ²					
Turkmenistan					
Uzbekistan					
Yugoslavia ²					

¹ No letter of inquiry was sent to Cambodia, which submitted credentials, but in keeping with the General Assembly's decision, no delegation was seated. ² No letter of inquiry was sent to these countries due to the situation prevailing there at the time.