



## EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Report of the Director-General*****Addendum*****Obituary****Mr. Pascoal Wuta M'Polo**

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the death, on 31 October 2002, of Mr. Pascoal Wuta M'Polo, former Government member of the Governing Body.
2. Born in Uige, Angola, in 1945, Mr. M'Polo obtained, in 1970, a degree in sociology from the University of Lovanium in Kinshasa to which he added two diplomas, one in social policy and one in international labour standards. In 1970 he was appointed administrative assistant to the Rector of the National University of Zaire and from 1978 to 1989 he served as Director of the Department of Cooperation in the Ministry of Labour in Angola. During this period he represented the Ministry on various joint bilateral cooperation commissions (Algeria, Brazil, Cuba, France, the former German Democratic Republic, Portugal, the former USSR and Zaire). He was a member of the National Conference on International Cooperation, of the Committee on Human Resources of the Southern African Development Community as well as of the Government delegation to the Labour and Social Affairs Commission of the Organization of African Unity.
3. Mr. M'Polo served the Governing Body as Deputy Government member from 1978 to 1984 and as regular member from 1984 to 1987. In 1989, Mr. M'Polo joined the staff of the ILO and had recently been appointed focal point for the African countries of Portuguese language (PALOP) in the ILO Regional Office in Abidjan.
4. He will be remembered for his deep engagement to serve the development of the African continent, for his will to promote social justice and for his belief in, and commitment to, the values of the International Labour Organization.
5. ***The Governing Body will no doubt wish to request the Director-General to convey his sympathy to the family of Mr. M'Polo and the Government of Angola.***

Geneva, 13 November 2002.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 5.