



TWENTIETH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Composition and agenda of
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Joint Meeting on Public Emergency Services: Social Dialogue in a Changing Environment (Geneva, 27-31 January 2003)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

1. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - Arab Labour Organization;
 - European Commission.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

2. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - European Union of Local Authority Staffs;
 - International Association of Fire Fighters;
 - International Council of Nurses;
 - International Federation of Associations of Specialists in Occupational Safety and Industrial Hygiene;
 - International Federation of Employees in Public Services;
 - Public Services International;
 - Trade Unions International of Public and Allied Employees;
 - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
3. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment in the Tobacco Sector (Geneva, 24-28 February 2003)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

4. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- European Commission;
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
- International Monetary Fund;
- International Trade Centre;
- United Nations;
- United Nations Children’s Fund;
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
- United Nations Environment Programme;
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization;
- United Nations International Drug Control Programme;
- World Bank;
- World Customs Organization;
- World Health Organization;
- World Trade Organization.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

5. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - International Tobacco Growers’ Association;
 - International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers Associations;
 - Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.
6. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Tripartite Meeting on the Employment Effects of Mergers and Acquisitions in Commerce (Geneva, 7-11 April 2003)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

7. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- African Union;
 - Arab Labour Organization;
 - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation;
 - European Commission;
 - European Free Trade Association;
 - International Monetary Fund;
 - International Trade Centre;
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
 - Organization of American States;
 - United Nations;
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
 - United Nations Development Programme;
 - World Bank;
 - World Trade Organization.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

8. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- General Confederation of Trade Unions;
 - International Federation of Business and Professional Women;
 - International Federation of University Women;
 - Public Services International;
 - Union Network International;

- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

9. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Meeting of Experts on Labour Standards in the Fishing Sector (Geneva, 2-4 September 2003)

- 10.** At its 284th Session (June 2002), the Governing Body decided that a Meeting of Experts on Labour Standards in the Fishing Sector would be held in Geneva from 2-4 September 2003.

Agenda

- 11.** The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
- To discuss issues to be included in a comprehensive standard (a Convention and a Recommendation) on work in the fishing sector.
- 12. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.***

Composition

- 13.** The Director-General proposes that the Meeting be attended by eight representatives from governments, eight from employers' and eight from workers' organizations.
- 14. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.***

International Workers' Symposium on Decent Work in Agriculture (Geneva, 15-18 September 2003)

- 15.** The Programme and Budget for 2002-03 includes provision for an International Workers' Symposium on Decent Work in Agriculture. The provision is for a meeting lasting four days and involving 40 trade union representatives. The programme of meetings approved by the Officers of the Governing Body in November 2002 plans for the Symposium being held in Geneva from 15 to 18 September 2003.
- 16.** The meeting is intended to review the changing world of work and globalization in agriculture and the need for sustainable development policies and poverty reduction measures which concern agricultural workers, over half of the world's workers; 40 per cent of workers in agriculture (some 440 million) are wage earners. Many agricultural workers throughout the world, including women and children, often work in the most precarious employment situations with a lack of health and safety measures. ILO standards, the fundamental workers' rights embodied in the Declaration such as freedom of association,

collective bargaining, non-discrimination and protection from forced labour and child labour are all vitally important to this vulnerable group of agricultural and rural workers who are often denied such rights as well as decent work and who lack basic food for their families although they produce food for the world. The meeting will discuss the role of the trade union movement in agriculture as well as international policies affecting workers in agriculture.

Agenda

17. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:

1. The impact of globalization on agriculture and the need for a social dimension to ensure sustainable development policies;
2. A review of the problems experienced by workers in agriculture such as social exclusion, poverty, violation of fundamental rights, increasing casualization of the workforce, migration and the elaboration of strategies to promote the ILO Decent Work Agenda as well as sustainable agriculture, sustainable development and food security;
3. Review of strategies to promote the Safety and Health in Agriculture Convention, 2001 (No. 184) and Recommendation, 2001 (No. 192);
4. Strategic measures and action plans for consideration by trade unions.

18. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Composition

- 19.** It is proposed that, as foreseen in the programme and budget, the symposium will be attended by 40 trade union representatives, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body and coming from both industrialized and developing countries of Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab countries.
- 20.** Efforts will be made to ensure that at least 30 per cent of the participants selected will be women, in compliance with the Workers' group policy on gender equality.
- 21.** *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Appointment of Governing Body representatives on various bodies

Joint Meeting on Public Emergency Services: Social Dialogue in a Changing Environment (Geneva, 27-31 January 2003)

- 22. The Governing Body may wish to appoint its representative, who will also chair the above Meeting. In accordance with the established practice, the appointment should be made from among the Employer members of the Governing Body.*

Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment in the Tobacco Sector (Geneva, 24-28 February 2003)

- 23. The Governing Body may wish to appoint its representative, who will also chair the above Meeting. In accordance with the established practice, the appointment should be made from among the Worker members of the Governing Body.*

Tripartite Meeting on the Employment Effects of Mergers and Acquisitions in Commerce (Geneva, 7-11 April 2003)

- 24. The Governing Body may wish to appoint its representative, who will also chair the above Meeting. In accordance with the established practice, the appointment should be made from among the Government members of the Governing Body.*

Tripartite Meeting on Challenges and Opportunities Facing Public Utilities (Geneva, 19-23 May 2003)

- 25. The Governing Body may wish to appoint its representative, who will also chair the above Meeting. In accordance with the established practice, the appointment should be made from among the Employer members of the Governing Body.*

Fifth Worldwide Air Transport Conference (Montreal, 24-29 March 2003)

- 26.** At its 283rd (March 2002) Session, the Governing Body decided to send a Governing Body delegation to the above Conference.

27. The Governing Body may wish to appoint its representatives.

Geneva, 19 November 2002.

Points for decision: Paragraph 3;
Paragraph 6;
Paragraph 9;
Paragraph 12;
Paragraph 14;
Paragraph 18;
Paragraph 21;
Paragraph 22;
Paragraph 23;
Paragraph 24;
Paragraph 25;
Paragraph 27.