



## FOURTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other financial questions****Financial arrangements for activities related to the elaboration of a code of good drafting practices for the preparation of international labour standards**

1. At its current session, the Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards (LILS), at the request of the Governing Body, will consider a document concerning the content of a code of good drafting practices for international labour standards.<sup>1</sup>
2. The document proposes the use of consultants to analyse the body of legal text used by the Office, in both English and French, and to prepare a report thereon. A tripartite meeting (two experts designated by Governments, two by Employers and two by Workers) would finalize the code prior to its submission to the Governing Body.
3. Costs are estimated at US\$65,000 for the consultancy contracts and US\$40,000 to cover travel and subsistence for the experts attending the tripartite meeting and the costs of servicing it. Since there is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2004-05 for this activity, and should the Governing Body approve the proposed activities, then financial arrangements would have to be made. It is proposed that the total cost of US\$105,000 be financed in the first instance from savings under Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2004-05 and that, should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.
4. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that, should it approve the proposed activity, the cost estimated at US\$105,000 be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2004-05, on the understanding that, should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.*

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*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.

<sup>1</sup> GB.288/LILS/2/1.