



SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Voluntary contributions and gifts

1. At its 151st Session (February-March 1962), the Governing Body authorized the Director-General to accept gifts in money or in kind made by governments, governmental or non-governmental organizations or private persons in aid of ILO operational programmes, at his discretion and subject to the condition that the gifts should not involve any financial liability for the Members of the Organization. These general powers were given to the Director-General in extension of the authority granted by the Governing Body at its 130th Session (November 1955) and confirmed at its 138th Session (February-March 1958). At its 251st Session (November 1991), the Governing Body authorized the Director-General to accept gifts in money or in kind made by governments, governmental or non-governmental organizations or private persons, at his discretion, provided that they did not involve any financial liability for the Members of the Organization and provided that details of such gifts were reported periodically to the Governing Body.
2. Details of gifts accepted by the Director-General were last communicated to the Committee in November 2001.¹ Gifts accepted in aid of operational programmes since that date are listed in the appendix. These gifts represent donations towards ongoing ILO activities and do not therefore include funds received for technical cooperation activities.

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¹ GB.282/PFA/2.

Appendix

Gifts in aid of operational programmes

In February 2001, the Islamic Development Bank contributed US\$19,985 towards the cost of a workshop on practical mechanism to link training and employment in the Arab States, held in Kuwait from 18 to 20 February 2001. The training was organized by the ILO/ARMAT.

In July 2001, the Hungarian Government made a donation of \$20,000 towards work on youth employment and on the development of social dialogue. The funds are being used by IFP/SKILLS and IFP/DIALOGUE.

In August 2001, the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) contributed 200,000 Swiss francs towards the cost of the Global Employment Forum, held at the ILO headquarters in Geneva from 1 to 3 November 2001.

In November 2001, the SECO contributed 50,000 Swiss francs towards the cost of the seminar on International Labour Standards, held at the ILO headquarters in Geneva on 23 and 24 May 2002.

In January 2002, the Government of Belgium made three different contributions to the following meetings:

- (a) €14,000 towards the cost of the ILO-European Commission Subregional Tripartite Seminar on Social Dialogue at the Sectoral Level in the Candidate Countries to the European Union, held in Prague from 30 November to 1 December 2001.
- (b) €13,634 towards the cost of the Seminar on the Promotion of Collective Agreements and the Question of Representativeness in Hungary in light of European Experiences, held in Budapest on 20 and 21 September 2001.
- (c) €5,000 towards the cost of the Subregional Tripartite Conference on the Protection of Wages Including Wage-Guarantee Funds in Central and Eastern Europe, held in Sofia on 9 and 10 November 2001.

In March 2002, the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) donated ¥200,000 to produce T-shirts with the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Programme (which RENGO intends to distribute among its members and visitors to promote the Declaration).

In March 2002, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) contributed \$15,000 towards the cost of printing a report being drafted jointly by ILO, IOM, OHCHR and UNHCR following the World Conference Against Racism, Radical Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban from 31 August to 7 September 2001.

In March 2002, a small donation from a group of people in the New York area was sent to ILO/New York for Further The Goal To End The Exploitation Of Labour. The funds were raised under the "Match a dollar campaign" to end exploitation of labour.

In April 2002, the Government of Finland contributed €8,000 towards the cost of the Subregional Tripartite Conference for Selected European Countries on Information Technology and Decent Work: Employment, Health and Safety and Labour Law, held in Tallinn on 25 and 26 April 2002.

In August 2002, the Spanish Government contributed \$47,037 towards the cost of the Subregional Seminar on Pension Restructuring in European Union Applicant Countries, held in Nicosia on 21 and 22 March 2002.

In October 2002, the Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) donated ¥4,000,000 for the ILO/RENGO African Regional Workers' Education Seminar on the Advantages of Productivity Improvement for Workers, held in Nairobi, Kenya from 25 to 28 November 2002 (RENGO has been funding this type of workshop in Africa since (1997).

In January 2003, the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) contributed \$20,000 towards the cost of Global Network Meeting of Child Labour Researchers, held at the ILO Office in Geneva on 5 and 6 December 2002 (IPEC provided the balance of the funding for the meeting from a US-DOL funded project).

In August 2003, the Greek Government contributed €30,000 towards the cost of the High-Level Tripartite Seminar on Social Budgeting in EU-Accession Countries, which will be held in Larnaka (Cyprus) on 7 and 8 November 2003.

In addition, a number of plaques and decorative objects have been donated to the Office.