



## FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Arrangements for the Fourteenth  
Asian Regional Meeting**

1. According to the Rules for Regional Meetings adopted by the Governing Body at its 283rd Session (March 2002) and confirmed on the occasion of the 90th Session (June 2002) of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body determines the date and location of each Regional Meeting. The Regional Meetings are in principle to be hosted in the country where the Regional Office is located and they take place once every four years. The Thirteenth Asian Regional Meeting took place in Bangkok in August 2001. It would therefore be expected that the Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting would take place in Bangkok in August 2005.
2. Further to informal consultations, which included the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, the Ministry of Labour of the Republic of Korea addressed a letter to the members of the Asia Pacific group of the ILO (ASPAG), seeking their support for holding the Meeting, scheduled for the latter half of 2005, in the Republic of Korea.
3. The Regional Coordinator of the Asia Pacific group, Dr. P.D. Shenoy, informed the Director-General of the ILO of the fact that this subject was discussed at the ASPAG meeting during the 289th Session (March 2004) of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and that the ASPAG member States unanimously supported the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Korea to hold the Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting in the Republic of Korea.
4. The ILO's Programme and Budget for 2004-05 foresees an allocation of some US\$441,947 for hosting the Meeting in Bangkok. In its letter mentioned above, the Ministry of Labour of the Republic of Korea indicated the Government's willingness not only to pay the resulting additional costs, but also to work with the Office to make necessary financial arrangements for small member States to participate in the Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting.
5. ***The Governing Body may therefore wish to decide to transfer the Fourteenth Asian Regional Meeting to the Republic of Korea, and to hold the Meeting in September 2005.***

Geneva, 1 June 2004.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 5.