## INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE



**Governing Body** 

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## SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Commission of Inquiry established to examine the complaint concerning the observance by the Republic of Belarus of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98), made by delegates to the 91st Session (2003) of the International Labour Conference under article 26 of the Constitution of the ILO

- 1. The Commission of Inquiry established by the Governing Body at its 288th Session (November 2003) in accordance with article 26, paragraph 4, of the Constitution, following the filing of a complaint by 14 Workers' delegates to the 91st Session (June 2003) of the International Labour Conference, adopted its report on 23 July 2004. Copies of the report have already been sent to the members of the Governing Body.
- 2. The report was communicated to the Government of Belarus on 27 July 2004.
- **3.** Under article 29, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, the Government shall "inform the Director-General within three months whether or not it accepts the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission and, if not, whether it proposes to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice".
- **4.** No reply has yet been received from the Government.
- 5. The Governing Body will no doubt wish to take note of the report of the Commission.

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Point for decision: Paragraph 5.

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