



EIGHTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Addendum**Technical meetings reserve for 2004-05**

1. At its 92nd Session (June 2004) the International Labour Conference adopted a resolution concerning a fair deal for migrant workers in a global economy. The resolution calls upon the ILO and its constituents to carry out a *plan of action* in partnership with other relevant international organizations (see report of the Committee on Migrant Workers, International Labour Conference, *Provisional Record* No. 22, 92nd Session, 2004). The proposed follow-up to the resolution is described in a separate paper submitted to the Governing Body.¹
2. According to the resolution this plan of action shall include the development of a “*non-binding multilateral framework for a rights-based approach to labour migration*” in consultation with government members, the social partners and relevant experts and will need to be presented to the ILO Governing Body in November 2005.
3. In view of the deadline given it is now urgent for the Office to have a report on the ILO framework on migration ready by no later than the middle of 2005. This will be timely since it could feed into the work of the *Global Commission on International Migration* which will come out with its recommendations in the latter part of 2005, and serve also as the ILO’s contribution to the *High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development* that the United Nations General Assembly will conduct during its sixty-first session in 2006.
4. In order to ensure tripartite consensus on the ILO multilateral framework a *Tripartite Meeting of Experts on the ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration* (see appendix) could be convened in May 2005 to evaluate the best practices proposed and make recommendations to the Governing Body on the Framework’s content, structure, and modalities for promotion and implementation. The Meeting would consist of 20 experts named after consulting governments, ten experts named after consulting employers’ organizations and ten participants named after consulting workers’ organizations. The cost would be US\$298,240. The Committee is invited to consider this proposal when it takes a decision on the meetings to be organized under the technical meetings reserve.

¹ GB.291/3/1.

Appendix

Tripartite Meeting of Experts: ILO Non-Binding Multilateral Framework for a Rights-based Approach to Migration (three days, Geneva – US\$298,240)

Operational objective

3b.3. Protection of the rights and equal treatment of migrants

Member States establish policies and programmes for the protection of the rights and equal treatment of women and men migrants, and against their trafficking.

Proposed participation: 20 Government, 10 Employer and 10 Worker participants.

Output: Agreed multilateral framework which shall consist of guidelines on the various elements of migration policy and treatment of migrant workers spelled out by the International Labour Conference resolution.

The Meeting shall consider the experience with various approaches to managing migration such as promoting social dialogue on policy, opening more regular avenues to labour migration, regulating recruitment, establishing bilateral agreements, recognizing qualifications, curbing abuses and trafficking, promoting equal treatment in employment, enhancing the development impact of migration and others.