



FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Approval of the minutes of the 291st
Session of the Governing Body**

1. The minutes of the 291st Session were distributed to allow members who wished to make corrections to submit these to the Office.
2. At midday on 18 March, the following corrections had been received:

Seventeenth item on the agenda: Report of the Officers of the Governing Body

Replace the 11th paragraph as follows:

*A Government representative of El Salvador, speaking on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), noted that the Government of Venezuela had shown its willingness to collaborate with the supervisory bodies and had agreed to receive two direct contacts missions. The latter of these two missions took place on 13 to 15 October 2004, and its report had not yet been published; therefore, under paragraph 86(d) of the *Handbook of procedures relating to international labour Conventions and Recommendations*, the said mission should suspend further examination. Technical assistance should now take precedence over the launch of a new procedure. The speaker proposed that the point for decision should be amended such that the Government did not have to supply comments until the ongoing procedures had been concluded.*

Seventeenth item on the agenda: Report of the Officers of the Governing Body

Replace the last paragraph as follows:

A Government representative of Venezuela stressed his Government's willingness to cooperate, as witnessed by the meetings that had taken place between a representative of the National Assembly and the direct contacts mission. He was convinced of the importance of workers and those persons adversely affected having the possibility of lodging complaints to safeguard their rights. This position of principle of the Government of the Republic of Venezuela had its basis in the origins of those of whom it was composed, who issued from the national human rights movement and the trade union movement. While in the case under examination it was clear that the complaint was not receivable, the Government would nevertheless supply the relevant information within the designated time.

*The speaker thanked the Legal Adviser of the ILO, who had replied to an inquiry made by his Government almost two years previously, which would lead to the amendment of the *Handbook of procedures relating to international labour Conventions and Recommendations*, providing better legal protection for the constituents. He would submit a copy of the request made by the Government to the Chairperson of the Governing Body.*

3. Subject to the above corrections, the Governing Body may no doubt wish to approve the minutes of the 291st Session.

Geneva, 21 March 2005.

Point for decision: Paragraph 3.