



THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Update of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy

1. The Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration) was last updated in 2000. In the work plan of the Multinational Enterprises Programme for 2004-05, the Office included the preparation of an update of the MNE Declaration to include references to new instruments of relevance to the MNE Declaration adopted by the International Labour Conference and the Governing Body in the period 2000-05.
2. The Office will be ready to submit a draft update to the 294th Session of the Governing Body. This draft would include references to: Convention No. 184 and Recommendation No. 192 concerning safety and health in agriculture, adopted in 2001 and which make specific reference to the MNE Declaration; Recommendation No. 194 with the list of occupational diseases, adopted in 2002; the ILO Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS in the world of work, adopted by the Governing Body in 2001; and the ILO code of practice on managing disability in the workplace, adopted by the Governing Body in 2001. If the 93rd Session of the International Labour Conference adopts the proposed Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health, the update would obviously also have to include a reference to this instrument.
3. Suggestions have been made that a future update should also aim at presenting the text in a more consistent format. This can be achieved in a number of ways. One way would be to include the references to the Conventions and reduce the number of addenda. This would also allow for an amalgamation of the list of Conventions and Recommendations and consolidating Addendum I and the annex into one section. Other options to improve the presentation would be to incorporate the references to ILO instruments in the text itself or, alternatively, place all such references in the footnotes. The Office will have consultations with the officers of the Subcommittee to explore which option is likely to find most support and draft the requested update accordingly.

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Submitted for information.