



## THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference: Practical arrangements for the discussion, at the 95th Session (June 2006) of the International Labour Conference, of the Global Report prepared under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work**

1. The Global Report is one of the two aspects (the other being the annual report) of the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, which is intended to allow the identification of areas in which the assistance of the Organization through its technical cooperation activities may prove useful to its Members to help them implement these fundamental principles and rights. The Report is prepared under the responsibility of the Director-General.
2. This Report is submitted to the Conference for tripartite discussion “during a sitting devoted entirely to this Report, or in any other appropriate way”. The Conference is not required to adopt conclusions or take decisions on the Report. In the light of the discussion at the Conference, the Director-General should be able to identify conclusions for the preparation of a report to be submitted to the Governing Body; it will then be for the Governing Body to draw conclusions from this discussion “concerning the priorities and plans of action for technical cooperation to be implemented for the following four-year period”, in keeping with the promotional nature of the follow-up to the Declaration.
3. At its 292nd Session (March 2005), the Governing Body invited the Conference to adopt the provisional ad hoc arrangements set out in the appendix to document GB.292/LILS/2(& Corr.) concerning the discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, with effect for the rest of the current four-year cycle, starting with that session, or until such further time as the Governing Body might decide.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> GB.292/10(Rev.), para. 30.

4. However, in light of the experience at the last session of the Conference, it is proposed that the discussion on the Global Report at the 95th Session of the Conference be organized in a different manner, in particular the Office proposal that the Global Report be formally discussed in the plenary as a normal item. Furthermore, a side event could be organized, possibly with prestigious moderators, which will be formally outside the Conference, thus with no procedural rules. No suspension of the Conference Standing Orders would be required in this connection.
5. The proposed course of action requires therefore a return to the previous decision of the Governing Body, in order to withdraw the standing proposal to the Conference to suspend, as appropriate, its Standing Orders.
6. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that it withdraw the decision taken at its 292nd Session (March 2005) on the provisional ad hoc arrangements concerning the discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.*

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*Point for decision:* Paragraph 6.