



## FIFTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other financial questions****Financial arrangements for the funding  
of the ILO Liaison Office in Yangon**

1. The Standards and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Sector through the Liaison Office in Yangon implements and follows through the decisions of the International Labour Conference in 1999 and 2000 under article 33 of the Constitution relating to Myanmar. The question of the Myanmar Government's response to the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry concerning the application of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29) in Myanmar has been regularly reviewed by the Committee of Experts, and the Conference Committee on the Application of Standards, and by the Governing Body, which have received full reports on the situation. In order to give effect to the Governing Body's conclusions on the subject in November 2005, financial arrangements will need to be made to enable the Liaison Office in Yangon to continue with its work.
2. The Programme and Budget for 2006-07 contains no provision for the Liaison Office. Resources need to be provided to cover the salaries of the Liaison Officer and supporting staff, essential travel within and outside the region, and other general costs of operating the Liaison Office, such as office rent, communications, stationery, etc. The total cost is estimated at US\$710,000 for the biennium of which some US\$274,000 can be covered through a redeployment of resources available to the Sector. The additional resources to cover the cost of the Liaison Office in 2006-07 will amount to US\$436,000. It is proposed that these costs would in the first instance be financed from savings that may arise under Part I of the budget for 2006-07 or, failing that, through the use of Part II.
3. *The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body approve the additional cost of operating the Liaison Office in Yangon in 2006-07, estimated at US\$436,000, and that it be financed in the first instance from fund raising of extra-budgetary resources or, failing that, from savings in Part I of the budget or, failing that, through Part II.*

Geneva, 20 March 2006.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 3.