



SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Arrangements for the selection
of the External Auditor**

1. In November 2002, the Governing Body approved new procedures¹ for the selection and appointment of the External Auditor, for the financial period beginning on 1 January 2008.
2. The revised procedures require that all member States, including that of the serving External Auditor, be invited to submit nominations for eligible persons to act as External Auditor of the ILO for a period of four years.
3. In order to allow sufficient time for the preparation of submissions to the Governing Body in March 2007, invitations were sent to member States seeking nominations by 20 February of this year. Detailed requests for proposals will be sent to the persons nominated and these proposals will be required to be sent to the ILO by 30 June 2006.
4. As required by the new procedures referred to in paragraph 1 above, the proposals received will be opened in accordance with standard ILO tender procedures. However, no short listing of the bids will be undertaken by the Office. A summary of all proposals will be prepared to assist those charged with reviewing the proposals.
5. As has been the practice in a number of other United Nations organizations, the Office proposes the use of a Selection Panel. This would consist of one Worker, one Employer and four Government members to review the applications, request and receive presentations from selected applicants and submit a shortlist of two or three applicants together with their recommendation, to this Committee.
6. In order to minimize costs, it is proposed that the Selection Panel would meet during or immediately prior to the November 2006 session of the Governing Body to jointly review the proposals, receive any presentations that had been requested and make their final recommendation to the Governing Body in March 2007 for decision. A videoconference could be foreseen to enable a preliminary filtering of applicants to be undertaken.

¹ GB.285/PFA/3.

7. The Committee may therefore wish to recommend to the Governing Body that applications for the position of External Auditor of the ILO be evaluated by a Selection Panel consisting of one Worker, one Employer and four Government members, and that, based on the recommendation of that Panel, the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee would make its final recommendation to the Governing Body.

Geneva, 16 January 2006.

Point for decision: Paragraph 7.