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**FOR DECISION**

FIFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Report of the Director-General**

**Second report: Date of opening  
of the 96th Session (2007) of the  
International Labour Conference**

1. At its 294th Session (November 2005), the Governing Body decided upon the agenda of the 96th Session (June 2007) of the International Labour Conference. With regard to the dates of that session, a definite proposal was to be submitted to the Governing Body in due time.<sup>1</sup>
2. It has been established practice to schedule the Conference in such a way that it opens as early as possible in June and approximately one week following the close of the World Health Assembly (WHA) held in the same premises of the Palais des Nations in Geneva. This recently intensified form of cooperation with the World Health Organization has permitted the Office to gain appreciable efficiencies and savings in the servicing of the Conference, inter alia, through the shared hire of information technology equipment.
3. For the purpose of continuing this practice, which requires leaving as short a space of time as possible between the closing of the WHA and the opening of the ILC, it would appear advisable for the Conference to open on Tuesday, 29 May and to close on Thursday, 14 June.
4. *Given the aforementioned considerations, the Governing Body may wish to decide that the 96th Session (2007) of the International Labour Conference will open on Tuesday, 29 May and close on Thursday, 14 June 2007.*

Geneva, 8 June 2006.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.

<sup>1</sup> GB.294/2/1.