



FOR INFORMATION

FIFTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

Fourth Supplementary Report: Incomplete delegations at tripartite meetings

1. Acting on the resolution concerning the strengthening of tripartism in the overall activities of the ILO, adopted by the Conference at its 56th Session (1971), the Governing Body requested the Director-General to carry out inquiries concerning the failure of governments to send tripartite delegations to sessions of the General Conference, regional conferences and industrial committees¹ and to report to it on this subject.
2. At its 205th Session (February–March 1978), the Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, decided to authorize the Director-General to extend the scope of the inquiries to cases of failure to send any delegations at all.
3. The last report on the subject was submitted to the Governing Body at its 280th Session (March 2001). The following report covers the 90th (June 2002), 91st (June 2003), 92nd (June 2004), 93rd (June 2005), 94th (Maritime – February 2006) and 95th (June 2006) Sessions of the Conference, as well as the Tenth African Regional Meeting (December 2003), the Seventh European Regional Meeting (February 2005), the 16th American Regional Meeting (May 2006) and the 14th Asian Regional Meeting (August 2006).
4. The Office decided only to carry out inquiries concerning governments which had failed to send complete tripartite delegations to several sessions of the International Labour Conference, or to a Regional Meeting. Thus, letters were sent to 55 Governments, eliciting only 18 replies.
5. The tables in the appendix indicate the absent or incomplete delegations at the meetings concerned and summarize the explanations received from member States. The replies referred primarily to financial constraints.

Geneva, 7 March 2007.

Submitted for information.

¹ Since January 1996, the Employer and Worker representatives at sectoral meetings are appointed by their respective groups. Such meetings are therefore not covered in this report.

Appendix

Absent Country	Incomplete delegations			Explanations received	
	Government delegates only	No Employers' delegate	No Workers' delegate	Financial constraints	Other
90th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 3–20 June 2002)					
Antigua and Barbuda	Armenia	–	–	Belize	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Comoros	Belize	–	–	–	–
Dominica	Madagascar	–	–	–	–
Gambia	Sao Tome and Principe	–	–	–	–
Grenada	Somalia	–	–	–	–
Kyrgyzstan	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	–	–	–	–
Saint Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–
Saint Lucia	–	–	–	–	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	–	–	–	–	–
Solomon Islands	–	–	–	–	–
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–
Uzbekistan	–	–	–	–	–
91st Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 3–19 June 2003)					
Antigua and Barbuda	Kyrgyzstan	Paraguay	Fiji	Belize	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Armenia	Somalia	–	Mauritius	Guyana	Iraq – <i>internal situation</i>
Belize	–	–	Myanmar	–	Mauritius – <i>internal problems within Workers' organization and inability to appoint a delegate</i>
Comoros	–	–	–	–	Myanmar – <i>withdrawal of Workers' delegate after his credentials were called into question by the ICFTU</i>
Dominica	–	–	–	–	Paraguay – <i>suspension of the right to vote</i>
Gambia	–	–	–	–	–
Grenada	–	–	–	–	–
Guyana	–	–	–	–	–

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Iraq	-	-	-	-	-
Liberia	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-

92nd Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 1–17 June 2004)

Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Eritrea	Myanmar	Belize	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Comoros	Gambia	Liberia	-	Timor- Leste	Myanmar – <i>consequence of the calling into question of the Workers' delegate's credentials at the 91st Session of the ILC</i>
Dominica	Kyrgyzstan	-	-	-	-
Grenada	Somalia	-	-	-	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Timor-Leste	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-

93rd Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 31 May–16 June 2005)

Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Afghanistan	Myanmar	Belize	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Comoros	Gambia	Tajikistan	-	Guyana	
Dominica	Kyrgyzstan	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	Samoa	Tajikistan – <i>internal problems within the employers' organizations</i>

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Grenada	Somalia	–	–	Tajikistan	Myanmar – <i>consequence of the calling into question of the Workers' delegate's credentials at the 91st Session of the ILC</i>
Guyana	Uzbekistan	–	–	–	–
Saint Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–
Saint Lucia	–	–	–	–	–
Samoa	–	–	–	–	–
Solomon Islands	–	–	–	–	–
Turkmenistan	–	–	–	–	–
94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 7–23 February 2006)					
Afghanistan	Mauritius	Côte d'Ivoire	–	Barbados	Cameroon – <i>scheduling constraints</i>
Antigua and Barbuda	Paraguay	Guinea	–	Belize	Cape Verde – <i>electoral period</i>
Armenia	–	–	–	Burundi	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Barbados	–	–	–	Dominican Republic	Iraq – <i>letter of invitation not received</i>
Belize	–	–	–	El Salvador	
Burundi	–	–	–	Guyana	Timor-Leste – <i>internal political problems</i>
Cameroon	–	–	–	Mauritius (<i>made worse by holding of 95th Session of the ILC</i>)	–
Cape Verde	–	–	–	Paraguay (<i>made worse by holding of three other international meetings; non-maritime country</i>)	–
Chad	–	–	–	Samoa	–
Comoros	–	–	–	Tajikistan (<i>made worse by internal problems within the Employers' organization</i>)	–
Dominica	–	–	–	–	–
Dominican Republic	–	–	–	–	–
El Salvador	–	–	–	–	–
Equatorial Guinea	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrea	–	–	–	–	–

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Fiji	-	-	-	-	-
Gambia	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	-	-	-
Iraq	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	-	-	-	-	-
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-
Myanmar	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-
Niger	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-
Tajikistan	-	-	-	-	-
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-
Timor-Leste	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen	-	-	-	-	-

95th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 31 May–16 June 2006)

Antigua and Barbuda	Belize	Armenia	Myanmar	Belize	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Comoros	Gambia	-	-	Samoa	Haiti – <i>period of transition between two governments</i>
Dominica	Haiti	-	-	-	Myanmar – <i>consequence of calling into question of Workers' delegate's credentials at 91st Session of the ILC</i>

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	Government delegates only	No Employers' delegate	No Workers' delegate	Financial constraints	Other
Equatorial Guinea	Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-
Grenada	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-
Samoa	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	-	-
Tenth African Regional Meeting (Addis Ababa, December 2003)					
Burundi	Cameroon	Gambia	-	Burundi	Cameroon – <i>scheduling constraints</i>
Cape Verde	Côte d'Ivoire	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	-	Cape Verde	Comoros – <i>political instability and economic problems</i>
Chad	Ghana	-	-	Seychelles	Morocco – <i>letter of invitation received late</i>
Comoros	Liberia	-	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	Madagascar	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	Morocco	-	-	-	-
Guinea	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	-	-	-	-	-
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-
Niger	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	-	-	-	-	-
Seventh European Regional Meeting (Budapest, February 2005)					
Kyrgyzstan	-	Tajikistan	-	Tajikistan	-
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	-

Absent Country	Incomplete delegations			Explanations received	
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16th American Regional Meeting (Brasilia, May 2006)					
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	Paraguay	Belize	Barbados – <i>scheduling constraints</i>
Bahamas	-	-	-	Dominican Republic (<i>made worse by holding of 95th Session of the ILC</i>)	Paraguay – <i>trade unions failed to agree on a representative</i>
Barbados	-	-	-	El Salvador	-
Belize	-	-	-	-	-
Dominica	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	-	-	-	-	-
El Salvador	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-
14th Asian Regional Meeting (Busan, August 2006)					
Iraq	-	-	-	Timor-Leste	Iraq – <i>period of transition between two governments</i>
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Timor-Leste	-	-	-	-	-
Yemen	-	-	-	-	-