

**FOR INFORMATION**

SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Date, place and agenda of the
International Labour Conference****Date of the 97th Session (May–June 2008)
of the International Labour Conference**

1. The programme of meetings,¹ which is submitted at the present session, includes advance information for 2008 and, in particular, tentative dates for the International Labour Conference (ILC) in May–June 2008. These tentative dates, together with those of the 302nd Session of the Governing Body in June 2008, have been proposed following the modified format adopted by the Governing Body in November 2006 for the 96th Session (May–June 2007) of the ILC, further to the recommendations of its Working Group on the International Labour Conference.² In accordance with this modified format, it is thus tentatively proposed that in 2008, the 97th Session of the ILC should open on Wednesday, 28 May, and close on Friday, 13 June, and that the 302nd Session of the Governing Body be split between Saturday, 7 June and Friday, 13 June, after the closure of the ILC.
2. Further to the decision adopted by the Governing Body at its 297th Session (November 2006), these tentative dates are subject to the decision regarding the future format of the ILC to be adopted by Governing Body at its 300th Session (November 2007), on the basis of a review by its Working Group of the practical application of its proposals during the 2007 session of the ILC. They are also subject to the final decision to be taken by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) in May 2007 as regards the dates of the World Health Assembly in May 2008.
3. However, knowing that three matches of the European football cup (EURO 2008) will take place in Geneva during the first half of June 2008 (7, 11 and 15 June 2008) and that this event could raise accommodation problems for the delegates at the Conference, the Office intends to encourage tripartite ILO constituents to make early reservations based on these tentative dates.

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Submitted for information.

¹ GB.298/Inf.1.

² GB.297/4.