
Conclusions on item GB.298/5: Developments concerning the question of the observance by the Government of Myanmar of the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)

The Governing Body considered all the information before it, including the comments and information provided by the Permanent Representative of Myanmar. It welcomed the signing of the Supplementary Understanding between the ILO and the Government of Myanmar establishing a mechanism to enable victims of forced labour to seek redress. It also welcomed as part of a progressive building of confidence the fact that the implementation of the mechanism had begun, and that action had been taken by the authorities in those cases that involved forced labour.

The Governing Body underlined the importance of the mechanism continuing to function effectively in the context of a very serious forced labour situation. In this regard, as foreseen in the Supplementary Understanding, it was vital that the Liaison Officer had the necessary staff resources to adequately discharge the responsibilities. The Governing Body requested the Office to move quickly to assign suitable international staff to assist the Liaison Officer, and requested the Government of Myanmar to extend the necessary cooperation and facilities.

The Governing Body decided to defer the question of an advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice on the understanding that the necessary question or questions would continue to be studied and prepared by the Office, in consultation with the constituents and using the necessary legal expertise, to be available at any time that might be necessary.