



## FOR DECISION

### FIFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## **Resolution on Africa's representation on the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, adopted by the 11th African Regional Meeting**

1. At the end of the 11th African Regional Meeting, held in Addis Ababa from 24 to 27 April 2007, the following resolution proposed by the Government group, and supported by both Employers' and Workers' groups, was adopted:

The Eleventh African Regional Meeting of the International Labour Organization, having met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 24 to 27 April 2007,

*Considering* the general developments within the United Nations system of moving towards equitable permanent representation within its governing structures;

*Taking into account* that Africa comprises the largest block within the International Labour Organization;

*Reaffirming* the conviction that the ILO should remain the most representative, transparent and accountable UN body;

*Aware* of the need for the ILO to continue as a leading UN agency that ensures equitable and proper geographical representation,

1. *Calls* for urgent action to be undertaken to ensure that Africa's representation corresponds to its numerical and strategic importance.
  2. *Urges* the Governing Body at its June 2007 session to request the Director-General of the ILO to prepare a comprehensive document to be submitted to the November 2007 Governing Body on the matter of criteria for geographical and country representation within the ILO Governing Body.
  3. *Urges* that this process be carried through in a speedy manner, and that a proposal is presented by the convening of the 97th Session of the International Labour Conference.
2. Pursuant to article 3 of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, the resolution is addressed to the Governing Body, as are the conclusions and the report of the 11th African Regional Meeting.
  3. While the conclusions and report of the 11th African Regional Meeting are to be presented to the Governing Body at its 300th Session in November 2007, the Governing Body is specifically invited by the Regional Meeting to take action in accordance with point 2 of the resolution above at its 299th Session in June 2006.

4. *Consequently, the Governing Body may wish to request the Director-General to prepare a comprehensive document on the matter of criteria for geographical and country representation within the Governing Body, for submission to its 300th Session.*

Geneva, 25 May 2007.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.