



## SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Standing Orders of the Conference****Practical arrangements for the discussion,  
at the 98th Session (June 2009) of the  
International Labour Conference, of the  
Global Report prepared under the follow-up  
to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental  
Principles and Rights at Work**

1. The Global Report is one of the two aspects (the other being the Annual Report) of the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, which is intended to allow the identification of areas in which the assistance of the Organization through its technical cooperation activities may prove useful to its Members to help them implement these fundamental principles and rights. The Report is prepared under the responsibility of the Director-General.
2. This Report is submitted to the Conference for tripartite discussion “during a sitting devoted entirely to this Report, or in any other appropriate way”. The Conference is not required to adopt conclusions or take decisions on the Report. In the light of the discussion at the Conference, the Director-General should be able to identify conclusions for the preparation of a report to be submitted to the Governing Body; it will then be for the Governing Body to draw conclusions from this discussion “concerning the priorities and plans of action for technical cooperation to be implemented for the following four-year period”, in keeping with the promotional nature of the follow-up to the Declaration.
3. In the light of the experience at the last session of the Conference, it is proposed that the discussion on the Global Report at the 98th Session of the Conference be organized in the same manner as the previous year’s discussion, in the form of a thematic discussion based on the points suggested by the Director-General in the Report. To this end, it is proposed that the provisional ad hoc arrangements adopted for the discussion of the Global Report at the 97th Session be recommended once again for the 98th Session.

4. During its 292nd Session (March 2005), the Governing Body adopted an analogous decision with effect for the four-year cycle, starting with the 93rd Session of the International Labour Conference (June 2005).<sup>1</sup> Consequently, the decision was effective until the last session (97th Session, June 2008) of the Conference.
5. As far as the 98th Session (June 2009) of the International Labour Conference is concerned, it would seem prudent for the Governing Body to limit any proposals to this session of the Conference, taking into account the possible impact of the 2008 ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization on the follow-up to the 1998 ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.
6. ***The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that it invite the Conference, at its 98th Session, to adopt the provisional ad hoc arrangements set out in the appendix concerning the discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.***

Geneva, 21 January 2009.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 6.

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<sup>1</sup> GB.292/PV, para. 198. This decision was confirmed by the Governing Body at its 295th Session (March 2006), GB.295/PV, para. 205.

## **Appendix**

### **Ad hoc arrangements for the discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the 1998 Declaration at the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference**

#### ***Principle of the discussion***

Having regard to the various options referred to in the Annex to the Declaration, the Governing Body recommends that the Global Report submitted to the Conference by the Director-General should be dealt with by the Conference, separately from the Director-General's Reports under article 12 of the Conference Standing Orders.

#### ***Timing of the discussion***

A maximum of two sittings on the same day should be convened for the thematic discussion of the Global Report, with the possibility, if necessary, of extending the sitting. In order to take account of the programme of work of the Conference and of the fact that a number of ministers who usually are present during the second week of the Conference may wish to take the floor, the discussion of the Global Report should be held during the second week of the Conference. The date will be determined by the Selection Committee.

#### ***Procedure for the discussion***

The separate discussion of the Global Report recommended above implies in particular that the statements made during the discussion of the Global Report should not fall under the limitation concerning the number of statements by each speaker in plenary provided for in article 12, paragraph 3, of the Standing Orders, and that the discussion should not be governed by the provisions of article 14, paragraph 6, concerning the time limit for speeches. Furthermore, exchanges of views on the suggested points for thematic discussion should not be subject to the restrictions laid down in article 14, paragraph 2, concerning the order in which speakers are called. These provisions should accordingly be suspended under the procedure provided for in article 76 of the Standing Orders to the extent necessary for the discussion of the Global Report.

#### ***Organization of the discussion***

Given that the thematic discussion is not intended to lead to the adoption of conclusions or decisions by the Conference, on the one hand, and in consideration of the abovementioned suspensions of the Standing Orders, on the other, the Selection Committee may decide that this discussion should be conducted as a plenary committee that can convene at the same time as the plenary and be chaired by one of the Officers of the Conference. Should the need arise, the Chairperson might be assisted by a moderator appointed by the Officers of the Conference.

***Report to the plenary***

The Chairperson of the plenary committee would present a short oral report to the plenary of the Conference and the thematic discussion would be reproduced in the *Provisional Record*.