



THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Review of annual reports under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

Part I

Introduction by the ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers to the compilation of annual reports

1. The Annex to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work provides for reports to be requested annually of member States under article 19, paragraph 5(e), of the ILO Constitution. The Office is responsible for preparing a compilation of the reports. Paragraph II.B.3 of the Annex states: “With a view to presenting an introduction to the reports so compiled, drawing attention to any aspects which might call for a more in-depth discussion, the Office may call upon a group of experts appointed for this purpose by the Governing Body.” At its 274th Session (March 1999) the Governing Body decided to set up such a group of experts, composed of seven Expert-Advisers, whom it appointed at its 276th Session (November 1999). The Governing Body assigned to them the responsibility, in line with the objectives of the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work as set out in the Annex to the Declaration, for –
 - (a) examining the information compiled by the Office on the basis of the replies from Members that have not ratified the relevant Conventions to the report forms sent by the Office in accordance with article 19, paragraph 5(e), of the Constitution, as well as any comments on those replies made in accordance with article 23 of the Constitution and established practice;
 - (b) presenting to the Governing Body an introduction to the compilation based on those reports, drawing its attention to aspects that seem to call for more in-depth discussion;
 - (c) proposing to the Governing Body, for discussion and decision, any adjustments that they think desirable to the report forms.¹

¹ Governing Body, Minutes of the 274th Session, sixth sitting.

2. The annual reports compiled by the Office were accordingly submitted to the Group of Expert-Advisers, who met in January 2000. The annual reports,² together with the attached Introduction prepared by the Expert-Advisers, are submitted for review by the Governing Body.
3. In paragraphs 22 to 25 of their Introduction, the Expert-Advisers make a number of recommendations for consideration by the Governing Body.
4. *The Governing Body may wish to examine the attached Introduction by the Expert-Advisers and the compilation of annual reports, and to take the appropriate decisions on the recommendations in paragraphs 22 to 25 of the Introduction.*

Geneva, 1 March 2000.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.

Introduction Annexes

² GB.277/3/2.