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FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Global economic and jobs crisis

1. The ILO's constituents have committed themselves to work together to contribute to the success of the Global Jobs Pact and have requested the Office to assist them in their efforts. They agreed that "Action must be guided by the Decent Work Agenda and commitments made by the ILO and its constituents in the 2008 Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization". The Global Jobs Pact is "a framework for the period ahead and a resource of practical policies for the multilateral system, governments, workers and employers".¹
2. For the current session of the Governing Body the Office has prepared the following documents:
 - GB.306/3/1: Follow-up to the Conference debate and decisions on the economic and employment crisis: Strategy to give effect to the Global Jobs Pact.
 - GB.306/WPSDG/1: The Global Jobs Pact: Policy coherence and international coordination.
 - GB.306/STM/1: The sectoral dimension of the ILO's work: Update of sectoral aspects regarding the global economic crisis.
 - GB.306/TC/4: Technical cooperation in support of the ILO's response to the global economic crisis.
3. These documents should be read together with the report *Protecting people, promoting jobs. A survey of country employment and social protection policy responses to the global economic crisis* and the Director-General's communication *Protecting People, Promoting jobs: From crisis response to recovery and sustainable growth*, both submitted to the G20 Leaders' Summit in Pittsburgh.

¹ ILO: *Recovering from the crisis: A Global Jobs Pact*, International Labour Conference, 98th Session, Geneva, 2009, para. 9.

4. Together, these documents provide the Committee with a broad vision of the current global economic outlook; an assessment of policies in response to the crisis; and the role of the ILO and the multilateral system in this context. The Committee is invited to discuss the challenges facing governments, employers and workers in giving effect to the Global Jobs Pact in their countries and regions and the Office's strategy in supporting them in the different policy areas of the Pact.

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