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Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues

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FOR DECISION

SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Effect to be given to the recommendations of sectoral meetings

Overview

Issues covered

Through this paper the Governing Body is asked to endorse the outcomes of the Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Adopt Port State Control Guidelines for Implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) (Geneva, 15–19 February 2010) and of the Upskilling out of the Downturn: Global Dialogue Forum on Strategies for Sectoral Training and Employment Security (Geneva, 29–30 March 2010).

Policy implications

If so approved by the Governing Body, the Director-General will bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work of the Office, the recommendations of the two meetings.

Financial implications

None.

Decision required

Paragraph 7; Paragraph 11.

References to other Governing Body documents and ILO instruments

GB.307/PV.

Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), and Recommendation, 2007 (No. 199).

Resolution concerning port State control, 2007.

ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, 2008.

Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Adopt Port State Control Guidelines for Implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) (Geneva, 15–19 February 2010)

1. When the International Labour Conference adopted the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) and Recommendation (No. 199) it also adopted four resolutions intended to support the promotion, ratification and effective implementation of the Convention and the promotion of decent work in the fishing sector. One of the resolutions adopted was entitled “Resolution concerning port State control”. It invited the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to convene a tripartite meeting of experts of the fishing sector to develop suitable guidance for port State control officers concerning the relevant provisions of Convention No. 188, and to request that the Office seek the technical expertise of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant international bodies in this regard.
2. At its 304th Session (March 2009), the Governing Body decided that a Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Adopt Port State Control Guidelines for Implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) would be held at the International Labour Office in Geneva from 15 to 19 February 2010. It also decided that the Meeting would be composed of six Governments, six Employer and six Worker experts, including: one from Western Europe, one from Central and Eastern Europe, one from Africa, one from the Americas, and two from Asia.
3. At its 305th Session (June 2009), the Governing Body agreed that the Director-General should approach Brazil, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation and South Africa to each nominate an expert to participate in the Meeting. It also decided that the Meeting would be open to interested Government observers.
4. The Tripartite Meeting of Experts was held from 15 to 19 February 2010. The Meeting adopted Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspections under the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188),¹ which are intended to provide supplementary practical information and guidance to port State administrations that can be adapted to reflect national practices and policies and other applicable international arrangements in force governing port State control inspections of fishing vessels. The Guidelines should be regarded as complementary to the national measures taken by administrations of flag States in their countries and abroad. They are intended to provide assistance to port State administrations in securing compliance with Convention No. 188. It is proposed that the Guidelines be published in English, French and Spanish.
5. The Meeting of Experts recommended that the Office should continue its follow-up of Convention No. 188. It recalled that the 96th Session of the International Labour Conference had adopted a resolution inviting the Governing Body to request the Director-General to give due consideration in the programme and budget for technical cooperation programmes to promote the ratification of the Convention and to assist Members requesting assistance in its implementation in such areas as:
 - (a) technical assistance for Members, including capacity building for national administrations as well as representative organizations of fishing vessel owners and

¹ TMEPCG/2010/12.

fishers, and the drafting of national legislation to meet the requirements of the Convention;

- (b) the development of training materials for inspectors and other staff;
- (c) the training of inspectors;
- (d) the development of promotional materials and advocacy tools for the Convention;
- (e) the holding of national and regional seminars, as well as workshops on the Convention; and
- (f) the promotion of the ratification and implementation of the Convention within ILO Decent Work Country Programmes.

It reiterated the importance of this work, and further suggested that the ILO find resources, perhaps through external donors, for the development of another set of Guidelines, for flag State control implementation of Convention No. 188.²

6. With respect to the actions outlined in paragraph 5, the Office has sought to address the Conference's requests using, to a large extent, external resources. For example, through projects funded by Norway and Spain, the Office will shortly produce preliminary versions of a handbook on Convention No. 188 and a training course on its implementation. Furthermore, also through funding provided by Norway, the Sectoral Activities Department has, in cooperation with the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour, the International Labour Standards Department and the FAO, been able to help convene an international consultation on child labour in the fishing sector (bearing in mind that the minimum age of fishers is an issue addressed in Convention No. 188), with participation by Employer and Worker advisers. This meeting has, among other things, helped to ensure a coordinated approach by the FAO and ILO on child labour issues. The Office will continue to seek external funding for such activities. To ensure a focused and coordinated ILO approach in line with the principles of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, a draft action plan on the promotion of Convention No. 188 will be submitted to the Governing Body, through the Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards, to guide the Office in its promotional work and in attracting additional external financial and technical support.

7. *The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body:*

- (a) authorize the Director-General to publish the Guidelines mentioned in paragraph 4 and to promote them together with the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188); and***
- (b) request the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work of the Office, the recommendations of the Meeting of Experts as set out in paragraph 5.***

² TMEPCG/2010/14, paras 109–11.

Upskilling out of the Downturn: Global Dialogue Forum on Strategies for Sectoral Training and Employment Security (Geneva, 29–30 March 2010)

8. In accordance with the decision of the Governing Body at its 307th Session (March 2010)³ that a sectoral meeting in relation to the global economic and financial crisis be held, the Global Dialogue Forum took place in Geneva from 29 to 30 March 2010, moderated by Ms Elizabeth Thobejane (Government, South Africa). The Forum brought together participants from 24 Governments, as well as nine Employer and 13 Worker participants. Representatives from the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as well as the International Organisation of Employers and the International Trade Union Confederation also attended.
9. The Forum adopted a set of consensus-based recommendations on strategies for sectoral training and employment security to address current and future skills needs across different sectors to support post-crisis employment growth and security, and business productivity and sustainability, based on close collaboration between the social partners at national and local levels. This text, together with a summary report of discussions of the Forum, appears in the final report.⁴ In preparing its submission of a training strategy to the G20 Summit in Toronto in June 2010, the ILO drew on elements of the Forum's recommendations.
10. In line with the Forum's request that the ILO should systematically collect, document and facilitate the exchange of information on best practices on sectoral training among constituents, the Sectoral Activities Department and the Skills and Employability Department are undertaking a number of country studies to identify good sectoral cases as a basis for designing new or refining existing sectoral training strategies for developing countries.
11. *The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body:*
- (a) *authorize the Director-General to communicate the final report to governments, requesting them to communicate the text to the employers' and workers' organizations concerned; and to the international employers' and workers' organizations and other international organizations concerned; and*
 - (b) *request the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work of the Office, the recommendations made by the Forum.*

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Points for decision: Paragraph 7
Paragraph 11

³ GB.307/PV, paras 336–338.

⁴ GDFSTES/2010/10.