



## **Governing Body**

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Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee

**PFA**

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**FOR DECISION**

NINTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

### **Other financial questions**

#### **Financial arrangements for a Commission of Inquiry concerning the non-observance by Myanmar of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)**

1. At its present session (March 2011), the Governing Body will have before it a document on the possible implementation of the procedure set out in article 26.4 of the Constitution, and the appointment by the Governing Body of a Commission of Inquiry to consider the complaint submitted against the Government of Myanmar. Should the Governing Body decide to exercise its powers under article 26.4 of the Constitution to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, financial arrangements will need to be made to enable such a commission to proceed with its work.
2. The Programme and Budget for 2010–11 contains no provision for inquiries under article 26 of the Constitution. According to article 4.1.3 of the Standing Orders of the Governing Body, the Governing Body can take no decision regarding any proposal involving new expenditure until the proposal has been referred to the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee (PFAC). The PFAC shall make a report, including an estimate of the cost and the measures to be made for the necessary expenditure.
3. The procedures for such a commission normally involve an initial session to settle procedural matters, such travel as is necessary to gather further information, and a final session for the adoption of the Commission's report. Resources thus need to be provided for travel, for the production and publication of the Commission's report, and for supporting staff. It is also proposed to make provision for payment to the three members of the Commission of an honorarium of US\$300 per day. On the basis of this pattern of work, it is estimated that the cost of the commission will amount to some \$735,754, comprising:

	US\$
Travel	90 171
Translation, printing and miscellaneous	29 953
Honoraria	27 000
Staff costs	582 780
Miscellaneous	5 850
<b>Total</b>	<b>735 754</b>

It is proposed that the costs expected to be incurred for this commission would in the first instance be financed, in the respective financial periods, from savings that might arise under Part I of the budget or, failing that, through the use of the Provision for Unforeseen Expenditure, Part II.

- 4. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body, should it decide to establish a Commission of Inquiry concerning Myanmar, that: (a) an honorarium at the rate of \$300 per day be paid to each member of the Commission of Inquiry; and (b) the cost of the Commission, which is estimated at \$735,754, be financed from the appropriate budgets for 2010–11 and 2012–13. In the first instance this would be from savings that might arise under Part I of the budget or, failing that, through the use of the Provision for Unforeseen Expenditure, Part II. Should this subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.***

Geneva, 10 March 2011

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4