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Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

New appointment

1. *In order to fill two of the four vacant seats, the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body appoint the following persons as members of the Committee for a period of three years:*

- *Dr Dierk Lindemann (Germany);*
- *Justice Francisco Pérez de los Cobos Orihuel (Spain).*

Short biographies of these persons are reproduced in the appendix.

101st Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 30 May–15 June 2012)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

2. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements, approved by the Governing Body, provide for their automatic invitation to the International Labour Conference, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions to be represented at the Conference as observers:

- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC);
- African Regional Labour Administration Centre (ARLAC);
- Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CAEMC);
- Centre Arabe pour l'Administration du Travail et de l'Emploi (ACLAE);
- Centre régional africain d'administration du travail (CRADAT);
- Commonwealth;
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB);
- International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (IAESCSI);
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC);
- Latin American Economic System (SELA);
- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA);

- Nordic Council (NC);
- Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR);
- Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC);
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC);
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU);
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics on the Advancement of Employment and Unemployment Statistics (Geneva, 28 January–1 February 2013)

3. At its 304th Session (March 2009), the Governing Body took note of the report of the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), held in November 2008, in which the Conference unanimously supported the possible revision of the current international standards on statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment adopted by the 13th ICLS (1982), as well as the development of labour underutilization measures to supplement the unemployment rate. The proposals would be presented at the 19th ICLS with a view to adopting an international standard. In line with established practice, it is recommended that a tripartite meeting of experts be held prior to the 19th ICLS to examine proposals on the advancement of employment and unemployment statistics. Provision is made in the Programme and Budget for 2012–13 for this preparatory meeting to be financed out of the Technical Meetings Reserve 2012–13. The Meeting of Experts is scheduled to take place in Geneva, from 28 January to 1 February 2013.

Composition

4. The Director-General proposes that the Meeting be attended by 12 Government experts, nominated after consultations with Governments, six Employer experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group, and six Worker experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. The experts nominated should be well acquainted with the items of the agenda.
5. In order to obtain the government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of: Brazil, France, India, Ireland, Morocco, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Switzerland, Uganda and United States. A reserve list would also be established which would include the Governments of the following countries: Colombia, Mauritius, Norway, Turkey and Spain.
6. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

7. The Director-General proposes the following agenda of two interrelated topics for the Meeting:
 - Revision of the international standards on statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment.
 - Measures of labour underutilization to supplement the unemployment rate.
8. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

9. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements, approved by the Governing Body, provide for their automatic invitation to the Meeting, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions as observers:
 - Asian Development Bank (ADB);
 - Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
 - Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
 - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
 - Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
 - Inter-American Development Bank (IADB);
 - International Monetary Fund (IMF);
 - Observatoire Economique et Statistique d'Afrique Subsaharienne (AFRISTAT);
 - Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT);
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
 - United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD);
 - World Bank (WB);
 - World Trade Organization (WTO).

Nineteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 2–11 October 2013)

10. Provision is made in the Programme and Budget for 2012–13 and Technical Meetings Reserve¹ for the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, scheduled to be held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2013. Based on the experience of the

¹ Programme and Budget for 2012–13, para. 404.

18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, the expected number of participants is about 250.

11. ILO constituents should have at their disposal internationally comparable data and internationally agreed and up-to-date guidelines on labour statistics. The main purpose of the Conference is to make recommendations on international standards on labour statistics. The Conference will also review the statistical activities carried out by the ILO since it last met in November 2008, and give advice on planned activities.

Composition

12. According to the established practice for International Conferences of Labour Statisticians, the governments of all member States will be invited to nominate participants who will attend at the expense of their respective governments. It is expected that a great majority, if not all, will be statisticians. In addition, the Director-General proposes to invite three experts nominated by the Employers' group of the Governing Body and three nominated by the Workers' group. The experts nominated should have adequate knowledge to enable them to participate actively in the Conference.
13. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

14. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
 - General report on past and planned statistical activities of the ILO and on the functioning of the ICLS.
 - Revision of the international standards on statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment, including measures of labour underutilization to supplement the unemployment rate.
15. The reports prepared by the Office will examine concepts, statistical definitions and measurement methods and, except for the general report, will provide a draft resolution for examination and adoption by the Conference.
16. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

17. In addition to the intergovernmental organizations for which standing arrangements, approved by the Governing Body, provide for their automatic invitation to the Conference of Labour Statisticians, the Officers of the Governing Body have authorized the Director-General to invite the following intergovernmental organizations and institutions as observers:
 - Africa Union Commission (AUC);
 - Andean Community of Nations (CAN);
 - Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics;

- Asian Development Bank (ADB);
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF);
- Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);
- Observatoire Economique et Statistique d’Afrique Subsaharienne (AFRISTAT);
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC);
- Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
- United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD);
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA);
- World Bank (WB);
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

18. The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU) to be represented at the Conference as an observer.

Points for decision:

- Paragraph 1
- Paragraph 6
- Paragraph 8
- Paragraph 13
- Paragraph 16
- Paragraph 18

Appendix

Dr Dierk Lindemann

Dr Lindemann, of German nationality, was born on 16 October 1941. He obtained degrees from the Universities of Hamburg and Göttingen in law and economics. He holds a Ph.D in law. He has served as Managing Director of the German Shipowners' Association from 1991 to 2006 and as Legal Adviser to the Association from 1972 to 2006. During a period of 35 years, Dr Lindemann has litigated over 10,000 cases before the Labour Court (Maritime Branch) in Hamburg which has competence for all maritime labour cases in Germany. He is the author of the German Seaman's Act Commentary undertaking six editions of the commentary over the years. Dr Lindemann has been involved in ILO standard-setting activities in the maritime field since 1975. He served as the spokesperson for the Shipowners' group at the ILO maritime meetings from 1996 to 2006, including the ILO Joint Maritime Commission meetings and the ILC sessions in 1996 and in 2006 when the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, was adopted. From 1990 to 2006, Dr Lindemann was the Chairperson of the Labour Affairs Committee of the International Shipping Federation as well as the Social Affairs Committee of the European Shipowners' Association.

Justice Francisco Pérez de los Cobos Orihuel

Justice Pérez de los Cobos Orihuel, of Spanish nationality, was born on 2 January 1962. He holds a law degree from the University of Valencia and two Ph.D degrees in law from Valencia and Bologna. He was appointed Judge of the Constitutional Court of Spain in January 2011. He is currently Professor of Labour Law at the Complutense University of Madrid and has held teaching positions at the University of Valencia, the University of Las Islas Baleares and the University Autónoma de Barcelona. He has been an expert advisor to the Economic and Social Council of Spain and President of the Committee of the Council responsible for preparing the report on the economic and labour situation in the country. He was also a member of the Committee for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Social Security in Spain. He has been an arbitrator since 1998 of the Servicio Interconfederal de Mediación y Arbitraje. He is a member of various scientific bodies, including the Editorial Jurídica LA LEY, the Revista Española de Derecho del Trabajo and the Revista Actualidad Laboral. He has published extensively in the field of law and is the author of many publications on a broad range of topics related to labour law, including fundamental rights at work and social security.