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### FIFTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

### Third report: Schedule for Regional Meetings

1. According to the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, revised by the Governing Body at its 301st Session (March 2008) and confirmed on the occasion of the 97th Session (June 2008) of the International Labour Conference, the Governing Body determines the date and location of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda. The Rules state that a Regional Meeting is normally held each year in one of the four regions.
2. Following the completion of its reform in March 2011, the Governing Body decided at its 311th Session (June 2011) that, after examining further improvements in the functioning of the International Labour Conference, the Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference (WP/GBC) would also review the functioning and role of Regional Meetings.<sup>1</sup>
3. For various reasons, the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting had to be postponed on two occasions and, as a result, the 12th African Regional Meeting and the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting were both held in 2011 (in October and December, respectively). Without wishing to pre-empt the outcome of the WP/GBC's discussions, if the current sequence were to be maintained, the calendar for Regional Meetings would therefore be as follows:

2014 – 18th American Regional Meeting;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> GB.311/8.

<sup>2</sup> At its 318th Session, the Governing Body decided that the 18th American Regional Meeting would be scheduled for the third week of October 2014. The specific arrangements for that meeting are presented in a separate note submitted to the Officers.

2015 – 13th African Regional Meeting;

– 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting;

2016 – No Regional Meeting.

4. Past experience clearly shows that preparing for and holding two Regional Meetings in a single year is a considerable challenge, both for the Office and for ILO constituents. The Office has therefore consulted the various regional groups as well as the secretariats of the Workers' and Employers' groups, to explore with them the best possible sequence for the forthcoming Regional Meetings, including the possibility of returning to a yearly rotation (i.e. one Regional Meeting per year) and hence holding the 13th African Regional Meeting in 2015 and the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting in 2016.
5. *In the light of the general support expressed for the abovementioned proposed sequence, the Officers recommend that the Governing Body decide that the 13th African Regional Meeting be held in 2015 and the 16th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting be held in 2016.*