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The standards initiative: Follow-up to the 2012 ILC Committee on the Application of Standards

Addendum

Revised draft decision following the Governing Body debate held on 11 November 2014

- 1. Further to the wide-ranging discussion held under the fifth item on the agenda of the Institutional Section, the Governing Body decides to:
 - (1) convene a three-day tripartite meeting in February 2015 to be chaired by the Chairperson of the Governing Body and composed of 32 Governments, 16 Employers and 16 Workers with a view to reporting to the 323rd Session (March 2015) of the Governing Body on:
 - the question of interpretation of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87) in relation to the right to strike, and
 - the modalities and practices of strike action;
 - (2) place on the agenda of its 323rd Session, for decision in the light of the outcome of the above meeting, the issue of a request to the International Court of Justice to render an advisory opinion concerning the interpretation of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87) in relation to the right to strike;
 - (3) launch the Standards Review Mechanism (SRM), and to this effect establish a tripartite working party composed of 16 Governments, eight Employers and eight Workers to make proposals to the 323rd Session of the Governing

- Body in March 2015 on the modalities, scope and timetable of the implementation of the SRM;
- (4) take the necessary steps to ensure the effective functioning of the Committee on the Application of Standards at the 104th Session of the International Labour Conference, and to this end reconvene the Working Group on the Working Methods of the Conference Committee on the Application of Standards to prepare recommendations to the 323rd Session of the Governing Body in March 2015, in particular with regard to the establishment of the list of cases and the adoption of conclusions;
- (5) request the Chairperson of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR), Judge Abdul Koroma (Sierra Leone), and the Chairperson of the Committee on Freedom of Association (CFA), Professor Paul van der Heijden (Netherlands), to jointly prepare a report on the interrelationship, functioning and possible improvement of the various supervisory procedures related to articles 22, 23, 24 and 26 of the ILO Constitution and the complaints mechanism on freedom of association;
- (6) defer at this stage further consideration of the possible establishment of a tribunal in accordance with article 37(2) of the Constitution.