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### SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Sectoral meetings held in 2015 and proposals for sectoral work in 2016–17

#### Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to take note of the reports of four meetings held in the second half of 2015 (see section I) and an interim report of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), to authorize their communication as well as the publication of the *Guidelines on flag State inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels*, and to endorse the proposals made in section III in relation to sectoral meetings to be held in 2016 and early 2017 (see the draft decision in paragraph 22).

**Relevant strategic objective:** All strategic objectives.

**Policy implications:** The *Guidelines on flag State inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels* would become part of ILO guidance on this matter.

**Legal implications:** None.

**Financial implications:** None.

**Follow-up action required:** The Office will be required to take action as set out in the draft decision.

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**Related documents:** GB.317/POL/5, GB.317/PV, GB.320/POL/5, GB.320/PV, GB.322/POL/4, GB.322/PV, GB.323/POL/4, GB.323/PV, GB.325/POL/5, MEIWFC/2015/5, MEIWFC/2015/8, TSMRTS/2015/16, GDFERTI/2015, GDFPDWC/2015/6, CEART/INT/2014/1.



## I. Meetings held in 2015

### A. Meeting of Experts to Adopt Flag State Guidelines for the Implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188) (21–25 September 2015)

1. In accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body and its Officers at its 317th Session (March 2013)<sup>1</sup> and 320th Session (March 2014),<sup>2</sup> the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Flag State Guidelines for the Implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188), was held at the headquarters of the International Labour Office in Geneva from 21 to 25 September 2015.
2. The Chairperson of the Meeting was Mr Campbell (South Africa). The Government Vice-Chairperson was Mr Shinguadja (Namibia). The Employer and Worker Vice-Chairpersons were Mr Van der Zwan and Mr Hansen, respectively.
3. The Meeting was attended by seven Government experts accompanied by seven advisers, seven Employer experts, and eight Worker experts accompanied by ten advisers. There were 61 observer experts from interested governments, and 12 observers from intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
4. In line with its mandate, the Meeting considered and adopted the *Guidelines on flag State inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels*.<sup>3</sup> Its report provides a summary of the discussions.<sup>4</sup>

### B. Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on Safety and Health in the Road Transport Sector (12–16 October 2015)

5. In accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body at its 317th Session (March 2013)<sup>5</sup> and 322nd Session (November 2014),<sup>6</sup> the Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on Safety and Health in the Road Transport Sector was held at the headquarters of the International Labour Office in Geneva from 12 to 16 October 2015.
6. The Chairperson of the Meeting was Mr Aguilar Zínser (Mexico). The Government Vice-Chairperson was Mr Mapuranga (Zimbabwe). The Employer and Worker Vice-Chairpersons were Mr Higuera Gómez and Mr Wahl, respectively.

<sup>1</sup> GB.317/POL/5; GB.317/PV, para. 399.

<sup>2</sup> GB.320/POL/5; GB.320/PV, para. 465.

<sup>3</sup> MEIWFC/2015/5.

<sup>4</sup> MEIWFC/2015/8.

<sup>5</sup> GB.317/POL/5; GB.317/PV, para. 399.

<sup>6</sup> GB.322/POL/4; GB.322/PV, para. 446.

7. The Meeting was attended by 86 participants, including 32 Government representatives and advisers, as well as 16 Employer and 32 Worker participants and six observers from IGOs and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs).
8. The Meeting discussed priority safety and health issues in both passenger and freight road transport with a view to adopting conclusions on future programme development and informing policy-making on the selected topic at the international, regional and national levels. The promotion of HIV and AIDS tools and the IMO/ILO/ENECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units were also discussed.
9. The Meeting adopted conclusions and two resolutions, namely: (a) the resolution on transport network companies – “Transporting tomorrow”;<sup>7</sup> and (b) the resolution concerning best practices in road transport safety.<sup>8</sup> The conclusions and resolutions are included in the note on the proceedings.<sup>9</sup>

**C. Global Dialogue Forum on Employment Relationships in Telecommunications Services and in the Call Centre Industry (27–28 October 2015)**

10. In accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body at its 317th Session (March 2013)<sup>10</sup> and 322nd Session (November 2014),<sup>11</sup> the Global Dialogue Forum on Employment Relationships in Telecommunications Services and in the Call Centre Industry was held at the headquarters of the International Labour Office in Geneva from 27 to 28 October 2015.
11. The Chairperson of the Forum was Mr Korçagins (Latvia). The Government group coordinator was Mr Musimba (Democratic Republic of the Congo). The Employer and Worker group coordinators were Ms Jack and Mr Kerr, respectively.
12. The Forum was attended by 65 participants, including 30 Government representatives and advisers, eight Employer and 21 Worker participants, and six observers from IGOs and INGOs.
13. The Forum discussed employment relationships in telecommunications services and in the call centre industry, especially call centres operated by, or dealing with, telecommunications services, with a view to adopting points of consensus that would encourage future programme development and inform policy-making on this topic at the international, regional and national levels.

<sup>7</sup> TSMRTS/2015/14.

<sup>8</sup> TSMRTS/2015/15.

<sup>9</sup> TSMRTS/2015/16.

<sup>10</sup> GB.317/POL/5; GB.317/PV, para. 399.

<sup>11</sup> GB.322/POL/4; GB.322/PV, para. 446.

14. The points of consensus reached by the Forum, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members, are included in the final report of the discussion.<sup>12</sup>

**D. Global Dialogue Forum on Good Practices and Challenges in Promoting Decent Work in Construction and Infrastructure Projects (19–20 November 2015)**

15. In accordance with the decisions of the Governing Body at its 317th Session (March 2013)<sup>13</sup> and 322nd Session (November 2014),<sup>14</sup> the Global Dialogue Forum on Good Practices and Challenges in Promoting Decent Work in Construction and Infrastructure Projects was held at the headquarters of the International Labour Office in Geneva from 19 to 20 November 2015.
16. The Chairperson of the Forum was Mr Figueiredo De Souza (Brazil). The Government group coordinator was Mr Nghishekwan (Namibia). The Employer and Worker group coordinators were Mr Bones and Ms Jonas, respectively.
17. The Forum was attended by 54 participants, including 35 Government representatives and advisers, three Employer and 13 Worker participants, and three observers from IGOs and INGOs.
18. The Forum discussed opportunities and challenges faced by the construction sector in promoting decent work and productive employment, specifically in areas such as employment relations, occupational safety and health, and vocational education and training. It also examined how innovative social dialogue mechanisms can contribute to decent work and sustainable productive employment.
19. The points of consensus reached by the Forum, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members, are included in the final report of the discussion.<sup>15</sup>

**II. Interim report of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)**

20. The procedures of the CEART<sup>16</sup> allow for the preparation of interim reports on allegations from teachers' organizations between regular meetings – held every three years – in order

<sup>12</sup> GDFERTI/2015/7.

<sup>13</sup> GB.317/POL/5; GB.317/PV, para. 399.

<sup>14</sup> GB.322/POL/4; GB.322/PV, para. 446.

<sup>15</sup> GDFPDWC/2015/6.

<sup>16</sup> The CEART was established by parallel decisions of the Governing Body of the ILO and the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1967. Its mandate is to monitor and promote the application of the international Recommendations of 1966 and 1997 concerning teaching personnel, and to report thereon to the Governing Body and the Executive Board.

to ensure a more timely response in the treatment of allegations and their resolution in support of constituents in member States based on principles of social dialogue. The interim report before the Governing Body<sup>17</sup> refers to the CEART's examination of an allegation received from the All Japan Teachers and Staff Union (ZENKYO) concerning non-observance by the Government of Japan of certain provisions of the ILO–UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, 1966, in particular in relation to the overtime work of teaching personnel and temporary appointments in public schools, and contains recommendations in that regard.

### III. Upcoming meetings

21. In light of the adoption of the programme of sectoral meetings for 2016–17 by the Governing Body at its 323rd Session (March 2015)<sup>18</sup> and its decision in relation to the first meetings to be held in 2016 and the composition of the Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Revised Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Ports,<sup>19</sup> the Office has prepared the attached list with proposals regarding dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the remaining meetings envisaged for 2016 and the first meetings envisaged for 2017.

#### **Draft decision**

##### **22. The Governing Body:**

- (a) takes note of the reports of the four meetings referred to in section I of document GB.326/POL/6 and the interim report of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART);*
- (b) authorizes the Director-General to publish the Guidelines on flag State inspection of working and living conditions on board fishing vessels;*
- (c) authorizes the Director-General to communicate the final reports of the sectoral meeting and two global dialogue forums mentioned in Section I to governments, requesting them to communicate the reports to the employers' and workers' organizations concerned, and to the international employers' and workers' organizations and other international organizations concerned;*
- (d) requests the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for future work, the recommendations for future action by the ILO made by the meetings referred to in Section I;*
- (e) authorizes the Director-General to communicate the interim report of the CEART, along with any observations made by the Governing Body, to the governments and organizations concerned, and invites them to take the necessary follow-up action as recommended therein; and*

<sup>17</sup> CEART/INT/2016/1.

<sup>18</sup> GB.323/POL/4; GB.323/PV, para. 294.

<sup>19</sup> GB.325/POL/5; GB.325/PV/Draft, para. 518(e).

- (f) *endorses the proposals contained in the table appended to GB.326/POL/6 relating to the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the meetings listed therein.*

## Proposed programme of sectoral meetings 2016–17

Meetings as adopted by the Governing Body (GB.323/POL/4)	Proposed dates	Proposed duration	Proposed title	Proposed purpose	Proposed composition (G–E–W)
A Global Dialogue Forum on the challenges and opportunities of teleworking for workers and employers in the ICTS and financial services sectors.	24–26 October 2016	3 days	<b>Global Dialogue Forum on the Challenges and Opportunities of Teleworking for Workers and Employers in the ICTS and Financial Services Sectors</b>	The purpose of the Forum is for tripartite participants to share their experiences on telework in these sectors with a view to increasing understanding of and developing consensus on the way forward with regard to its: (a) prevalence; (b) economic and social risks and benefits; and (c) employment relationships, work organization and professional development practices linked, and their impacts on the rights and protection of teleworkers, including those engaged in involuntary telework. Participants will also examine existing standards relevant to telework and consider how social dialogue could be harnessed to promote decent work in telework.	All Governments; eight Employer participants; eight Worker participants; IGOs and NGOs as observers.
A Meeting of Experts to adopt a revised Code of practice on safety and health in ports.	21–30 November 2016	8 days	<b>Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Revised Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Ports</b>	The purpose of the meeting is to revise, update and adopt the (2003) ILO Code of practice on safety and health in ports.	Composition already approved by the Governing Body at its 325th Session in November 2015 (GB.325/POL/5), as follows: Eight Government experts; eight Employer experts; eight Worker experts; all governments as observers; IGOs and NGOs as observers. Governments to be invited: Brazil, China, Germany, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Nigeria, United States. Governments on the reserve list: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa.



<b>Meetings as adopted by the Governing Body (GB.323/POL/4)</b>	<b>Proposed dates</b>	<b>Proposed duration</b>	<b>Proposed title</b>	<b>Proposed purpose</b>	<b>Proposed composition (G-E-W)</b>
A Meeting of Experts to adopt guidelines on decent work and socially responsible tourism.	20–24 February 2017	5 days	<b>Meeting of Experts to adopt Guidelines on Decent Work and Socially Responsible Tourism</b>	The purpose of the meeting is to review and adopt guidelines on decent work and socially responsible tourism in order to encourage the hotels, catering, tourism sector, its stakeholders and social partners to foster social responsibility and strengthen decent work, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the post-2015 development agenda.	Eight Government experts; eight Employer experts; eight Worker experts; all governments as observers; IGOs and NGOs as observers. Governments to be invited: Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Lithuania, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Zimbabwe. <sup>1</sup> Governments for the reserve list: Chile, Ecuador, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Nepal, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Slovenia, Zambia.
A tripartite sectoral meeting to address the challenges and opportunities for decent work in health services, with a focus on employment and working conditions.	24–28 April 2017	5 days	<b>Tripartite Meeting on Improving Employment and Working Conditions in Health Services</b>	The purpose of the meeting is to discuss decent work strategies that effectively address health workforce shortages, as a prerequisite to enable provision of equal access to health care for all in need, with a view to adopting conclusions on future programme development and to inform policy-making on the selected topic at the international, regional and national levels.	All governments; eight Employer participants; eight Worker participants; IGOs and NGOs as observers.

<sup>1</sup> These proposals were prepared taking into consideration the potential of the tourism sector for growth and decent work, as well as future interventions envisaged under outcome 5 of the Programme and Budget for 2016–17, on tourism in rural areas.