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Purpose of the document

In Section I, this paper presents the results of the following meetings held in the first part of 2016: the Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on Occupational Safety and Health and Skills in the Oil and Gas Industry Operating in Polar and Subarctic Climate Zones of the Northern Hemisphere (26–29 January) and the Joint Maritime Commission's (JMC) Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers (6–7 April). Section II presents an interim report of the Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART). The Governing Body is invited to take note of the outcomes of the two meetings and of the CEART's interim report, and to endorse the proposals made in this respect (see draft decision in paragraph 11).

Relevant strategic objective: All strategic objectives.

Policy implications: None.

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/PV; GB.319/PV; GB.320/PV; GB.323/PV; TSMOGI/2016/11; SWJMC/2016/6; CEART/INT/2016/2.

I. Meetings held in the first half of 2016

A. Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on Occupational Safety and Health and Skills in the Oil and Gas Industry Operating in Polar and Subarctic Climate Zones of the Northern Hemisphere (26–29 January)

1. In accordance with earlier decisions of the Governing Body,¹ the Meeting was held in Geneva from 26 to 29 January 2016.
2. The Governing Body had designated Mr Peter Woolford, Employer member of the Governing Body, to chair the Meeting. The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Ms Jorunn Elise Tharaldsen (Norway) from the Government group; Mr Jonathan O’Keeffe from the Employers’ group; and Mr Leif Sande from the Workers’ group.
3. The Meeting was attended by 49 tripartite participants: 24 Government representatives from 14 countries, seven Employer and ten Worker members, as well as eight observers from intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs).
4. The ILO had prepared a report for discussion to serve as a basis for the Meeting’s deliberations.² The Meeting discussed occupational safety and health (OSH) challenges unique to the work environment and possible solutions; health protection and access to medical care in remote and isolated areas; working time arrangements; and OSH training to promote a preventative safety and health culture in the Arctic oil and gas operations.
5. The Meeting adopted a set of Conclusions, including recommendations for future action by the ILO and its Members regarding OSH and skills in the oil and gas industry operating in the Arctic.³

B. Joint Maritime Commission’s Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers (6–7 April)

6. The Subcommittee met in Geneva from 6 to 7 April 2016 in accordance with a decision taken by the Governing Body at its 323rd Session (March 2015).⁴
7. The Subcommittee was attended by six Shipowner representatives and their nine advisers, and six Seafarer representatives and their 15 advisers. In keeping with the practice followed since 2003, the Subcommittee did not have a Chairperson. The elected Vice-Chairpersons

¹ GB.317/PV, para. 399; GB.319/PV, para. 425; GB.320/PV, para. 465.

² ILO: *Occupational safety and health and skills in the oil and gas industry operating in polar and subarctic climate zones of the northern hemisphere*. Report for discussion (TSMOGI/2016), Geneva, 2015.

³ Note on the proceedings (TSMOGI/2016/11), pp. 23–25.

⁴ GB.323/PV para. 294.

and spokespersons were Dr Dirk Max Johns (Shipowner member, Germany) and Mr Henrik Berlau (Seafarer member, Denmark).

8. The Subcommittee adopted a resolution, which, inter alia, “invites the Governing Body to convene a meeting of the Subcommittee in the first half of 2018 for the purpose of updating the minimum monthly basic wage figure to take effect as of 1 January 2019 and every two years thereafter, and to request the Subcommittee to report directly to the Governing Body”.⁵

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

9. The procedures of the CEART⁶ allow for the preparation of interim reports on allegations from teachers’ organizations between regular meetings – held every three years – in order 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.
10. The interim report before the Governing Body⁷ refers to the CEART’s examination of an allegation received from the Cambodian Independent Teachers’ Association (CITA) concerning non-observance by the Government of Cambodia of certain provisions of the ILO–UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, 1966, in particular in relation to teachers’ wages, hours of work, and consultation on labour and education policy matters. It further contains recommendations in that regard.

Draft decision

11. *The Governing Body:*

- (a) takes note of the reports of the two meetings referred to in section I of the paper and of the CEART’s interim report;*
- (b) authorizes the Director-General to communicate the reports of the two meetings referred to 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;*

⁵ The resolution is included in Appendix III of the Report of the Subcommittee (SWJMC/2016/6).

⁶ 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.

⁷ CEART/INT/2016/2.

- (c) *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 in Section I;*
- (d) *approves the convening of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission in the first half of 2018; and*
- (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.*