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Reports of the Officers of the Governing Body

First report: Arrangements for the 19th American Regional Meeting

1. According to the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, adopted by the Governing Body at its 301st Session (March 2008) and confirmed by the International Labour Conference at its 97th Session (June 2008), the Governing Body determines the date and venue of each Regional Meeting and establishes its agenda.
2. During the last American Regional Meeting, held in Lima in October 2014, the Government of Panama manifested its interest in hosting the 19th American Regional Meeting. The Government's offer was confirmed by letters dated 20 October 2016 and 2 March 2017 and the Governing Body tentatively noted October 2018 as the period during which the meeting could be held.¹ Following informal consultations with the Government and the prospection of suitable venues at specific dates, it is now possible to propose to the Governing Body that the 19th American Regional Meeting be held in Panama City, from Tuesday, 2 to Friday, 5 October 2018.
3. In line with previous American Regional Meetings, the proposed official languages of the Meeting are English and Spanish.
4. As at previous American Regional Meetings, it is proposed that the Governments of Portugal and Spain be invited to be represented as observers at the Meeting.
5. The proposed agenda of the Meeting is to discuss, on the basis of the Director-General's Report and the Lima Declaration, the progress made by countries over the last four years with the Decent Work Agenda and the principal challenges faced by the region in achieving a more sustained, inclusive and sustainable pattern of growth with more and better jobs in the future in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Particular attention will be given to an integrated mix of policies conducive to the implementation of the Decent Work Agenda and more specifically to promote productive and inclusive development and

¹ [GB.329/INF/1](#).

full and productive employment and decent work; promote formalization and expand financially sustainable social protection; to ensure that labour rights are upheld, an enabling environment for sustainable enterprises is secured and the role of social dialogue in achieving these goals is guaranteed. It is hoped that the Meeting will form the basis for a platform for action to advance towards a better future of work ILO constituents want in the Americas.

- 6. *The Officers recommend that the Governing Body approve the proposed dates, venue, general suggested agenda and arrangements for the 19th American Regional Meeting.***