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### THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Sectoral meetings held in 2019 and proposals for 2020–21

#### Purpose of the document

The Governing Body is invited to approve the publication and dissemination of the guidelines on the promotion of decent work and road safety in the transport sector and the summary record of the proceedings of the Meeting of Experts to adopt the guidelines (section I).

The Governing Body is further invited to decide on the appointment of chairpersons for five technical meetings to be held in 2020–21, on arrangements for two meetings to be held in the first half of 2021 and on an additional meeting under the programme of sectoral meetings for 2020–21 (section II) (see the draft decision in paragraph 11).

**Relevant strategic objective:** All.

**Main relevant outcome:** All outcomes.

**Policy implications:** None.

**Legal implications:** None.

**Financial implications:** None.

**Follow-up action required:** The Office would be required to follow up as proposed.

**Author unit:** Sectoral Policies Department (SECTOR).

**Related documents:** GB.335/PV; GB.335/POL/3; GB.334/PV; GB.328/POL/8, Appendix II; and GB.325/INS/2.



## I. Meetings held in the second half of 2019

### Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work and Road Safety in the Transport Sector

(Geneva, 23–27 September 2019)

1. In accordance with an earlier decision of the Governing Body,<sup>1</sup> the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work and Road Safety in the Transport Sector was held in Geneva from 23 to 27 September 2019.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Dr Humphrey Mapuranga (Zimbabwe). The three Vice-Chairpersons were: Mr Jerzy Kleniewski (Poland) from the Government group; Mr Miguel Pereira García from the Employers' group; and Mr Michael Kaine from the Workers' group.
3. The Meeting was attended by 78 participants, including seven experts nominated by Governments, eight experts nominated by the Employers' group and eight experts nominated by the Workers' group of the Governing Body, their advisers, 30 Government observers and seven observers from official and non-governmental international organizations. Women constituted 39 per cent of the participants.
4. The purpose of the Meeting was to adopt guidelines on the promotion of decent work and road safety in the transport sector, as called for in the resolution concerning best practices in road transport safety adopted in 2015 by the Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on Safety and Health in the Road Transport Sector. A draft text had been prepared by the Office and served as the basis for the discussions. The summary record of the proceedings of the Meeting of Experts summarizes the discussions that took place,<sup>2</sup> which concluded with the adoption of the guidelines.<sup>3</sup>

## II. Upcoming meetings

### A. Chairpersons for the technical meetings to be held in 2020–21

5. The Standing Orders for technical meetings, adopted by the Governing Body at its 334th Session (October–November 2018), provide that the Governing Body shall either appoint one of its regular or deputy members as Chairperson of the meeting, or request the Office to select an independent person with expertise on the matters covered by the agenda and notify the meeting accordingly (article 6(2)).
6. Accordingly, the Governing Body is invited to consider whether, for each of the forthcoming technical meetings, it wishes to appoint one of its members as Chairperson, or request the

<sup>1</sup> [GB.335/PV](#), para. 725(e), and [GB.335/POL/3](#).

<sup>2</sup> [MERTS/2019/11](#).

<sup>3</sup> [MERTS/2019/9](#).

Office to select an independent person with expertise on the matters covered by the agenda and notify the meeting accordingly.

**7. Chairpersons will need to be appointed for the following meetings:**

- (a) technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry (4–8 May 2020)
- (b) technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services (21–25 September 2020)
- (c) technical meeting on the future of work in the education sector in the context of lifelong learning for all, skills and the Decent Work Agenda (12–16 October 2020)
- (d) technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy (23–27 November 2020)
- (e) technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector (8–12 February 2021, to be confirmed).

**B. Meetings to be held in the first half of 2021**

**8.** In the light of the endorsement of the programme of sectoral meetings for 2020–21 by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019),<sup>4</sup> the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of two meetings envisaged for the first half of 2021 are to be established by the Governing Body at its current session (see Appendix I). A list of all global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2020–21 is attached as Appendix II.

**C. Additional meeting to be included in the programme of sectoral meetings for 2020–21**

- 9.** As decided in the context of the review of the Sectoral Policies Department,<sup>5</sup> resources are being kept in reserve to allow for one additional meeting per biennium on an emerging sectoral issue of interest to constituents that requires a lighter than usual preparatory stage. In order to initiate preparations for such an additional meeting to be held during the biennium 2020–21, the Governing Body is invited to select a sector-specific issue to be discussed at a technical meeting or meeting of experts.
- 10.** In this context, the Governing Body is invited to consider an item on the protection of whistle-blowers, or independence and protection in public service (fight against corruption), which has been on the list of items for the agenda of future sessions of the International Labour Conference since November 2015.<sup>6</sup> In a document submitted to the Governing Body in October–November 2016, the Office proposed that the topic be first examined by a

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<sup>4</sup> GB.335/PV, para. 725, and GB.335/POL/3.

<sup>5</sup> [GB.328/POL/8](#), Appendix II.

<sup>6</sup> The Governing Body was informed in November 2015 that a proposal from Public Services International had been received for an item on the Conference agenda with a view to standard-setting to ensure the independence, impartiality and protection of certain categories of public service workers, notably through the fight against corruption (see [GB.325/INS/2](#), para. 31).

meeting of experts.<sup>7</sup> Following the recommendation by the sectoral advisory bodies in January 2017, the Office undertook research on the topic and has published a working paper on law and practice on protecting whistle-blowers in the public and financial services sectors.<sup>8</sup> At its 337th Session (October–November 2019), the Governing Body considered that the topic, if limited to the public services sectors, was sufficiently mature for examination by a meeting of experts. The Office thus proposes that the topic be included in the programme of global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2020–21.

## Draft decision

### 11. *The Governing Body:*

- (a) *approved the publication and dissemination by the Office of the guidelines on the promotion of decent work and road safety in the transport sector and of the summary record of the proceedings of the Meeting of Experts to Adopt Guidelines on the Promotion of Decent Work and Road Safety in the Transport Sector, which was held in Geneva from 23 to 27 September 2019;*
- (b) *decided, for each of the technical meetings listed in paragraph 7 of document GB.338/POL/3, [to appoint one of its members as Chairperson] or [to request the Office to select as Chairperson an independent person with expertise on the matters covered by the agenda and to notify the meeting accordingly];*
- (c) *endorsed the proposals contained in Appendix I to document GB.338/POL/3 relating to the dates, duration, official title, purpose and composition of the meetings listed therein; and*
- (d) *decided that the resources kept in reserve for one additional meeting to be included in the programme of global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2020–21 be used for [a meeting of experts to examine the topic of the protection of whistle-blowers, or independence and protection in the public service (fight against corruption)] or [a technical meeting or meeting of experts on another sector-specific issue].*

<sup>7</sup> GB.328/INS/3.

<sup>8</sup> ILO: *Law and practice on protecting whistle-blowers in the public and financial services sectors*, Working Paper No. 328, Geneva, 2019.



## Appendix I

### Programme of sectoral meetings (2021)

| Meetings as adopted by the Governing Body (GB.335/POL/3)                | Proposed dates                | Proposed duration | Proposed title  | Proposed purpose   | Proposed composition (G/E/W)   |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector | 8–12 February 2021            | 5 days            | Technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector | The purpose of this meeting is to discuss challenges and opportunities relating to the impact of digitalization on the future of work in the finance sector. Particular focus will be on global trends and on policies, strategies and good practices to advance decent work in the sector | All governments; eight Employer representatives; eight Worker representatives; advisers; observers; official international organizations and non-governmental international organizations as observers |
| Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission     | 26–27 April 2021 <sup>1</sup> | 2 days            | Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission     | The purpose of the meeting is to discuss updating the minimum monthly basic wage figure for able seafarers referred to in the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006), and to make the appropriate recommendation to the Governing Body of the ILO                        | Six Shipowner and six Seafarer representatives; <sup>2</sup> advisers; observers   |

<sup>1</sup> As recommended in paragraph 11 of the report of the session of the [Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission](#) held on 19 and 20 November 2018, it is proposed that the next session of the Subcommittee should take place in 2021 back-to-back with the Fourth Meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee established for the MLC, 2006, which will be held from 19 to 23 April 2021.

<sup>2</sup> The meeting is at no cost to the Office (travel and DSA for the 12 participants are not covered). It is governed by the [Standing Orders of the Joint Maritime Commission](#), which provide, in article 14, for the establishment of subcommittees.

## Appendix II

### List of global sectoral meetings for the biennium 2020–21

| <i>Date</i>                                       | <i>Title of meeting</i>  | <i>Place</i> |
|---|--|--------------|
| <b>2020</b>                                       |  |              |
| 20–22 January <sup>1</sup>                        | Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport   | Geneva       |
| 21–25 September <sup>2</sup><br>(to be confirmed) | Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services   | Geneva       |
| 19–23 October <sup>2</sup><br>(to be confirmed)   | Technical meeting on the future of work in the automotive industry   | Geneva       |
| 23–27 November<br>(to be confirmed)               | Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy   | Geneva       |
| <b>2021</b>                                       |  |              |
| 13–15 January                                     | Sectoral Advisory Bodies   | Geneva       |
| 25–29 January<br>(to be confirmed)                | Technical meeting on the future of work in the education sector in the context of lifelong learning for all, skills and the Decent Work Agenda | Geneva       |
| 22–26 February<br>(to be confirmed)               | Technical meeting on the impact of digitalization in the finance sector  | Geneva       |
| 26 and 27 April<br>(to be confirmed)              | Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission  | Geneva       |
| Second quarter<br>(to be confirmed)               | Meeting of experts to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear                    | Geneva       |
| Third quarter<br>(to be confirmed)                | Meeting of experts to produce joint ILO–IMO guidelines for medical examination of fishers  | Geneva       |
| October   | Joint ILO–UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART)                          | Paris        |
| Fourth quarter<br>(to be confirmed)               | Meeting of experts to revise the 1992 code of practice on safety and health in construction  | Geneva       |

<sup>1</sup> Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 329th Session (March 2017) (GB.329/POL/4) and 334th Session (October–November 2018) (GB.334/POL/3). The dates of this meeting were changed at the request of constituents to avoid overlap with the African Regional Meeting (Abidjan, 3–6 December 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Further to the decisions adopted by the Governing Body at its 335th Session (March 2019) (GB.335/POL/3) and at its 337th Session (October–November 2019) (GB.337/POL/2). The dates of this meeting were changed due to scheduling delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.