

Governing Body

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Questions arising from the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference requiring immediate action

Follow-up to the discussions of the Committee on the Application of Standards

- 1. At the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference, the Committee on the Application of Standards examined the case of the application by the Republic of Belarus of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87).
- 2. In its conclusions, the Committee noted the long-standing nature of the case and expressed its deep concern that, 18 years after the Commission of Inquiry's report, the Government had failed to take measures to address most of the Commission's recommendations. The Committee deplored and deeply regretted the allegations of extreme violence to repress peaceful protests and assembly, and the detention, imprisonment and violent treatment of workers while in custody.
- **3.** In light of these observations, the Committee concludes that the attention of the Governing Body should be drawn to the situation and that consideration should be given to any further measure, including those foreseen in the ILO Constitution, to secure compliance with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.
- **4.** The Committee's report, including the conclusions on the case of the Republic of Belarus, was approved by the Conference on 11 June 2022. Accordingly, the Governing Body is invited to consider appropriate follow-up action.

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▶ Draft decision

5. The Governing Body, having taken note of the conclusions of the Committee on the Application of Standards concerning the case of the Republic of Belarus, approved by the International Labour Conference:

- (a) decided to include on the agenda of its 346th Session (October–November 2022) an item entitled "Possible measures to secure compliance by the Government of Belarus with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry"; and
- (b) invited the Director-General to prepare a report for its consideration.