



Governing Body

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Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues

STM

FOR DECISION

THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Maritime and transport

Proposal for the convening of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission

Overview

Issue covered

Through this paper the Governing Body is asked to approve the convening of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission.

Policy implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Decision required

Paragraph 4.

References to other Governing Body documents and ILO instruments

GB.306/STM/5/1, GB.306/PV, GB.295/STM/3/4/2.

1. The Joint Maritime Commission's Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers last met in Geneva on 12–13 February 2009. Its report was submitted to the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues at the 306th Session of the Governing Body (November 2009).¹ Since the Subcommittee could not reach agreement on updating the minimum wage figure, it remained at the level agreed to in 2006, i.e. US\$545, effective at the end of 2008.
2. The Governing Body took note of the report of the Subcommittee, including the positions expressed by the two groups in the light of the situation in the industry, and requested the Office to consult with the secretariats of the Shipowners' and Seafarers' groups with a view to convening, at the appropriate time, another meeting of the Subcommittee.²
3. Following consultations with the secretariats of the Shipowners' and Seafarers' groups, it is proposed that the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission be reconvened at ILO headquarters in Geneva early next year at a date which will be communicated to the Officers of the Governing Body for their approval. It is proposed that the agenda of the Subcommittee consist of a single item: The Seafarers' Wages, Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships Recommendation, 1996 (No. 187): The updating of the basic wage of able seafarers. In accordance with previous practice,³ the report of the Subcommittee would be submitted directly to the Governing Body.
4. ***The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body approve the convening of the Subcommittee on Wages of Seafarers of the Joint Maritime Commission, at no cost to the Office.***

Geneva, 28 September 2010

Point for decision: Paragraph 4

¹ GB.306/STM/5/1.

² GB.306/PV, para. 223.

³ GB.295/STM/3/4/2.