Governing Body

310th Session, Geneva, March 2011



TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Reports of the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee

Addendum and Corrigendum

Report of the Building Subcommittee

(Eighth item on the agenda)

- 1. The Committee had before it the report of the Building Subcommittee. ¹
- **2.** Mr Paixão Pardo (Brazil), Chairperson of the Building Subcommittee, introduced the report.
- **3.** Mr Ahmed, speaking on behalf of the Workers' group, thanked the Office for the measures undertaken with respect to the renovation of the headquarters building, the appointment of the project manager and the establishment of a project team and steering committee. He stressed the importance of respecting deadlines, and encouraged the Office to continue discussions with the Swiss authorities to ensure that a fair value was obtained for the land to be sold. He highlighted the importance of consultations with the Staff Union on safety and health matters and on the question of temporary accommodation during the project. He requested consultations with the members of the Subcommittee between Governing Body sessions, and supported the point for decision.
- **4.** Mr Godoy, speaking on behalf of the Employers' group, expressed satisfaction with the agreement on a clear, long-term strategy for financing periodic refurbishment and renovation of ILO buildings. The Employers were concerned that the Building Subcommittee had been scheduled after the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee sessions, and wanted that arrangement reviewed as part of the reform of the Governing Body. He supported the point for decision.
- 5. The Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee recommends to the Governing Body that it endorse the long-term strategy for the financing of periodic refurbishment and renovation of all ILO buildings contained in the Office paper and amended by the Subcommittee in paragraph 16 of its report.

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¹ GB.310/PFA/8.

6. The Committee adopted the report.

Matters relating to the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO

(Fourteenth item on the agenda)

(a) Composition of the Tribunal

- 7. The Committee had before it a paper ² on the composition of the Tribunal.
- **8.** Mr Godoy, speaking on behalf of the Employers' group, supported the point for decision.
- **9.** Mr Ahmed, speaking on behalf of the Workers' group, supported the point for decision.
- 10. The Committee recommends through the resolution below:
 - (a) that the Governing Body, and through it the Conference, convey their appreciation to Mr Gordillo for the services he has rendered as judge of the Tribunal; and
 - (b) that the Governing Body propose to the 100th Session of the International Labour Conference:
 - (i) the renewal of the term of office of Ms Gaudron for three years; and
 - (ii) the appointment of Ms d'Auvergne for a term of office of three years.

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Decides, in accordance with article III of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization,

- (a) to express to Mr Agustín Gordillo its appreciation for the services he has rendered to the work of the Administrative Tribunal as judge;
- (b) to renew the appointment of Ms Mary G. Gaudron (Australia) for a term of three years; and
- (c) to appoint Ms Suzie d'Auvergne (Saint Lucia) for a term of three years.
- **11.** The point for decision was adopted.

Corrections

12. The representative of the Government of the United Kingdom said that it was unacceptable that the Workers' and Employers' groups had received the third report (Programme and Budget proposals for 2012–13) four days before the Government representatives.

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² GB.310/PFA/14/1.

- **13.** The Chairperson, replying, said that the report had been made available to all members of the Committee at the same time.
- **14.** The following corrections to the reports were submitted for circulation.

First report (GB.310/10/1)

- **15.** *Paragraph 52:* After the words "evaluation strategy", insert: "... be amended in line with IEE recommendation 3 and ...".
- **16.** Paragraph 74: Replace the paragraph with the following new paragraph: "The representative of the Government of Sweden, speaking on behalf of a group of like-minded donors consisting of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom, indicated that the group aligned itself with the IMEC statement."
- **17.** *Insert new paragraph 75:* "He noted the importance attached to independent evaluation within the framework of accountability, and recalled that in the Committee's discussion on the issue in the November 2010 session of the Governing Body, together with IMEC, the group had called for implementation of recommendation 3 of the IEE."
- **18.** *Insert new paragraph 76:* "He stated that value for money, transparency and accountability through strong and independent audit and oversight and the implementation of corresponding recommendations were indispensible in times of budgetary austerity. He informed the Committee that several governments in the group would undertake funding reviews during the next two years which would determine the future of their voluntary contributions to the ILO. The group of like-minded donors would pay close attention to the manner of the appointment of the Chief Internal Auditor, the future of the IOAC, adequate Governing Body reform, and the adoption of all ten recommendations of the IEE."
- **19.** Current paragraph 121: The paragraph should end: "... the roll-out of IRIS should be implemented taking into account the actual workload in the field offices."
- **20.** Current paragraph 167: Change the gender of the speaker to masculine throughout the paragraph.
- **21.** Current paragraph 168: Change the gender of the speaker to masculine throughout the paragraph.
- 22. Current paragraph 176 (Spanish only): Begin the paragraph with: "El representante ...".

Second report (GB.310/10/2)

- **23.** Paragraph 10: The last sentence should end: "... was home to freedom of association, collective bargaining and of freedom of expression."
- **24.** Paragraph 21: The first sentence should end: "... and stressed the need for an increase in the number of staff from his country, particularly senior staff."

Third report (GB.310/10/3)

- **25.** *Insert new paragraph 190:* "The representative of the Government of Portugal acknowledged the Director-General's explanations of the adjustments to the proposals, while noting that budget constraints in member States required exploration of further reductions. He requested revised proposals at the level of zero nominal growth."
- **26.** Current paragraph 208: At the end of the first sentence add: "... and that consultations could continue."

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Points for decision: Paragraph 5

Paragraph 10