
Report II

Information
concerning the Programme
and Budget for 2000-01
and other financial
and administrative questions

Second item on the agenda: Programme and budget proposals
and other financial questions

Preface

1. This report comprises, in addition to material submitted for information, a number of items requiring action by the Conference. Any other items which may arise after the publication of this report and which also call for action by the Conference will be submitted to the participants through the *Provisional Record*.
2. The items requiring action are:
 - (a) Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for 1998-99, which is published in a separate document available to Conference participants;
 - (b) treatment of 1998-99 cash surplus;
 - (c) scale of assessments of contributions to the budget for 2001;
 - (d) assessment of contributions of new member States; and
 - (e) composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization.
3. Details of these items are set out in the following pages of this report.
4. Information concerning programme implementation in 1998-99 is contained in the report of the Director-General, under item I of the Conference agenda.

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Financial and administrative questions

I. Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for 1998-99

1. In accordance with articles 28 and 29 of the Financial Regulations, the International Labour Conference will be called upon to adopt the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for 1998-99 after their examination by the Governing Body. The Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements comprise the Director-General's financial report and audited financial statements covering the regular budget, the Working Capital Fund, and the special funds and extra-budgetary accounts administered by the Organization, including the accounts of the International Institute for Labour Studies, the accounts for the United Nations Development Programme and the various other technical cooperation accounts, including trust fund accounts.
2. The report and the statements for 1998-99, together with the Auditor's report, will be communicated to Members as a separate document. The Governing Body's recommendation as to the adoption of the Director-General's report and the audited statements will be communicated to the Conference in a separate document to the Finance Committee of Government Representatives.

II. Treatment of 1998-99 cash surplus

1. The 1998-99 biennium ended with an excess of budgetary income over budgetary expenditure of 41,711,581 Swiss francs, or US\$27,262,471 at the budget rate of exchange adopted for 2000-01 (1.53 Swiss francs to the US dollar).
2. At its 277th (March 2000) Session, the Governing Body considered a paper¹ on the treatment of the cash surplus and decided to propose to the Conference at its 88th Session (June 2000) that, as an exceptional one-time measure and in derogation of article 18.2 of the Financial Regulations, the 1998-99 cash surplus be used in part to finance the establishment of an Information Technology Systems Fund, and that it adopt a resolution in the following terms:

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,

Noting that for the 1998-99 biennium an excess of regular budget income over regular budget expenditure has resulted in a cash surplus of 41,711,581 Swiss francs (equivalent to US\$27,262,471 at the 2000-01 budget rate of exchange of 1.53 Swiss francs to the US dollar);

Decides, as an exceptional one-time measure and in derogation of article 18.2 of the Financial Regulations, to finance the establishment of an Information Technology Systems Fund in an amount of 38,250,000 Swiss francs (US\$25 million) from the cash surplus;

Notes that, taking into account the above appropriation, the amount available under article 18.2 of the Financial Regulations for reducing the assessed contributions of member States will be 3,461,581 Swiss francs.

¹ GB.277/PFA/2/2, reproduced as Annex 1 to this report.

III. Scale of assessments of contributions to the budget for 2001

1. At its 277th (March 2000) Session, the Governing Body decided, on the recommendation of the Government members of the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee,¹ that the adoption of the scale of assessments for 2001 be deferred to the 88th Session of the International Labour Conference, and that the Government members meet by delegation of the Governing Body to prepare a draft scale of assessments for 2001 during the Conference, taking into account any relevant developments which may have taken place, and submit it direct to the Finance Committee of Government Representatives at the Conference.
2. It will be for the Finance Committee of Government Representatives to consider the draft scale of assessments for 2001 and to make appropriate proposals to the Conference.

¹ Report of the Government members of the Committee on allocations matters (GB.277/10/3), reproduced as Annex 2 to this report.

IV. Assessment of contributions of new member States

1. On 3 February 2000, Kiribati, which joined the United Nations in 1999, became a Member of the ILO.
2. At its 277th (March 2000) Session, the Governing Body decided, on the recommendation of the Government members of the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee,¹ to propose to the Conference at its 88th Session (June 2000) that, in accordance with the established practice of harmonizing the rates of assessment of ILO member States with their rates of assessment in the United Nations, the contribution of Kiribati to the ILO budget for the period of its membership in the Organization in 2000 be based on an annual assessment rate of 0.001 per cent.
3. It will be for the Finance Committee of Government Representatives to consider this proposal put forward by the Governing Body and to make appropriate proposals to the Conference.

¹ Report of the Government members of the Committee on allocations matters (GB.277/10/3), reproduced as Annex 2 to this report.

V. Composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization

1. At its 277th (March 2000) Session, the Governing Body considered a paper¹ on the composition of the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO.
2. As referred to in paragraph 3 of the paper, one of the Tribunal judges, Mr. Julio Barberis, informed the Office that he will be unable to complete his mandate owing to lack of availability resulting from his new functions in Argentina. In view of the late notification of this change, the Director-General was unable to carry out a search that would allow the Governing Body, in accordance with the usual practice, to propose a candidate to the Conference to fill the vacant post.
3. The Governing Body therefore decided to authorize its Officers to submit a proposal on its behalf direct to the Conference in order to fill the vacant post, and to propose to the Conference at its 88th Session (June 2000) that it adopt a resolution in the following terms:

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, to renew the appointment of Mr. Seydou Ba (Senegal) and that of Mr. James K. Hugessen (Canada) for a term of three years;

Expresses its appreciation to Mr. Julio Barberis for the services which he has rendered to the work of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization over the last five years;

Decides, in accordance with Article III of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization, to appoint as Judges of the ILO Administrative Tribunal for a term of three years with effect from July 2000, Ms. Flerida Ruth P. Romero and [name of candidate to be directly submitted by the Officers of the Governing Body].

¹ GB.277/PFA/13, reproduced as Annex 3 to this report.