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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE'S METHODS OF WORK IN RESPECT OF THE CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 73 OF THE CONVENTION (agenda item 6) (continued)

1. The CHAIRPERSON read out the following statement regarding the Committee's request for two sessions in 2006:

“1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

2. The Committee would decide to request the Secretary-General to arrange two sessions for the Committee in 2006, one session of two weeks' duration and the other of one week's duration. This arrangement would replace a three-week session, which has been included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

3. The arrangement with two sessions in 2006 would result in additional requirements for travel of the Committee members. No provisions have been made for these requirements in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. It is estimated that additional requirements would amount to US\$ 36,800 under section 23, Human Rights.”

2. Ms. EDELENBOS (Secretary of the Committee) explained that the statement was not for adoption but was merely intended to inform the Committee of the financial implications of its request.

3. The CHAIRPERSON said that the Committee's decision to request two sessions would be reflected in the draft annual report.

4. Mr. GAKWANDI suggested that the Committee should briefly explain in the report why it was requesting two sessions.

5. It was so decided.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (agenda item 11) (A/60/48 (Future))

6. The CHAIRPERSON drew attention to the draft annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly contained in document A/60/48 (Future).

Paragraphs 1 to 5

7. Paragraphs 1 to 5 were adopted.

Paragraph 6

8. The CHAIRPERSON, referring to the decision just taken under agenda item 6, suggested inserting at the end of the second sentence the phrase “in order to facilitate consideration of reports by States parties”. He further suggested replacing “October” with “December” because an October session would clash with the General Assembly and other events.

9. It was so decided.

10. Mr. EL JAMRI proposed that the two-week session should be held in December 2006 because there might be more State party reports to consider by then.

11. Ms. EDELENBOS (Secretary of the Committee) said that the paragraph was drafted in such a way as to allow flexibility. The Committee could decide later, in the light of developments, which month was preferable for the two-week session. She pointed out, however, that it might be advisable to hold the two-week meeting in April/May, when the Committee had not only to adopt its annual report but also to prepare concluding observations on the reports it had considered and lists of issues for the December session.

12. Mr. ALBA proposed retaining the flexibility offered by the text as it stood.

13. It was so decided.

14. Paragraph 6, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 7 to 12

15. Paragraphs 7 to 12 were adopted.

Paragraph 13

16. The CHAIRPERSON suggested adding the word “Meanwhile” at the beginning of the third sentence.

17. Paragraph 13, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 14

18. Mr. GAKWANDI proposed amending the last sentence to read: “The Committee would request States parties to ensure that its delegation possessed an adequate range of competences to allow for a meaningful dialogue with the Committee.”

19. Ms. DIEGUEZ said that States parties might not have sufficient financial resources to send a big delegation to Geneva.

20. The CHAIRPERSON cautioned against being unduly prescriptive. Once the Committee had established itself, it could perhaps make more demands on State parties.

21. Paragraph 14 was adopted.

Paragraphs 15 to 18

22. Paragraphs 15 to 18 were adopted.

Paragraph 19

23. Mr. GAKWANDI proposed replacing the word “mentioned” at the end of the paragraph with the word “emphasized”.

24. Paragraph 19, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraph 20

25. Mr. GAKWANDI said that, while he was aware of the special status of the International Labour Office under the Convention, he wondered whether the meeting with its representatives should be referred to in a separate paragraph from the one reporting on the meeting with representatives of other intergovernmental organizations.

26. The CHAIRPERSON said that, pursuant to article 74, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the Committee had no option but to invite representatives of the International Labour Office, whereas others were invited at the Committee’s discretion. In fact article 74 implied that the Office should be represented at all the Committee’s meetings. A separate paragraph therefore seemed appropriate.

27. Mr. GAKWANDI said that the Office was apparently considering whether to appoint somebody to participate in a consultative capacity in all meetings.

28. The CHAIRPERSON, noting that one of the Office’s representatives had stayed on for further discussion after the departure of the representatives of other organizations, suggested deleting the reference to the 14th meeting.

29. Paragraph 20, as amended, was adopted.

Paragraphs 21 to 24

30. Paragraphs 21 to 24 were adopted.

31. The draft annual report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

32. The CHAIRPERSON said that the Committee’s discussions and action at the current session had established the structure of its future work. The day of general discussion at the next session would play a vital role in profiling the Committee and the Convention and in dispelling misconceptions. The Committee would have to consider how to turn the outcome of that discussion to account and also how to take advantage of the assistance being offered by the International NGO Platform on the Migrant Workers’ Convention.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.