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# 319th Session of the Governing Body, 16-31 October 2013

## Institutional Section (INS)

Deals with issues related to the functioning of the Office and of the Organization, including constitutional obligations. This encompasses standing items such as reporting, constitutional obligations, and urgent matters arising between or during sessions.

## Policy Development Section (POL)

Covers the previous mandates of the Committee on Employment and Social Policy (ESP), the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues (STM) and the Committee on Technical Cooperation (TC), and takes in the work of the Subcommittee on Multinational Enterprises (MNE). Enlarged to include social dialogue and industrial relations issues – such as labour law, labour administration and labour inspection, it ensures that strategies and policies for technical cooperation are fully discussed and mainstreams the standards dimension of the above matters.

## Legal Issues and International Labour Standards Section (LILS)

Considers constitutional issues; Standing Orders (International Labour Conference, Governing Body, regional meetings, sectoral meetings); ILO's standard-related work and procedures, including, among other matters; ILO's supervisory machinery generally, the approval of reports forms for ILO Conventions and Recommendations and the selection of instruments for reporting under article 19 of the ILO Constitution; action relating to the protection of human rights; international legal instruments and judicial decisions affecting the status of the ILO's standard-setting work; legal agreements concluded by the ILO with other international organizations.

## Programme, Financial and Administrative Section (PFA)

Responsible for programming financial and general administrative matters and for personnel questions and takes in the work of the Information and Communication Technology Subcommittee and of the Building Subcommittee. Financial dimensions and implications of matters discussed in other sections are also treated in the PFA Section.

## High-Level Section (HL)

The High-Level Section (HL) continues the Governing Body's role as a forum for global policy discussion and strategic guidance without allowing types of debate more appropriate to the ILC or other bodies. It includes the Strategic Policy Segment as well as the Working Party on the Social Dimension of Globalization.

## Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference (WP/GBC)

## References

- ▶ [Agenda and programme of the 319th Session of the Governing Body](#)

## Documents submitted for information only

### Institutional Section (INS)

- ▶ [GB.319/INS/INF/1 Further developments in relation to the International Organization for Standardization, including in the field of occupational safety and health \(OSH\)](#)
- ▶ [GB.319/INS/INF/2 Update on the operation of the complaint mechanism in Myanmar](#)

### Policy Development Section (POL)

- ▶ [Short overview of selected highlights of sectoral work carried out in the first half of 2013](#)
- ▶ [GB.319/POL/INF/2 Update on the implementation of the technical cooperation activities in Myanmar](#)

### Legal Issues and International Labour Standards Section (LILS)

- ▶ [GB.319/LILS/INF/1 Discrimination at work on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity: Results of pilot research](#)

### Programme, Financial and Administrative Section (PFA)

- ▶ [GB.319/PFA/INF/1 Voluntary contributions and gifts](#)
- ▶ [GB.319/PFA/INF/2 Financial questions relating to the International Institute for Labour Studies](#)
- ▶ [GB.319/PFA/INF/3 Information on the ILO operational budget for 2014-15](#)

### Working Party on the Functioning of the Governing Body and the International Labour Conference (WP/GBC)

- ▶ [GB.319/WP/GBC/INF/1 Review of the implementation of the Governing Body reform: Proposed issues for consideration](#)

## Documents approved by the Officers of the Governing Body and submitted for information only

- ▶ [GB.319/INF/1 Programme of meetings as approved by the Officers of the Governing Body. Meetings for the remainder of 2013 and for 2014-15 - \(to be published after the meeting of the Officers\)](#)

