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FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Publication of the results of the work of the Working Party on Policy regarding the Revision of Standards

- 1. At the 282nd Session (November 2001) of the Governing Body, the Working Party examined the question of disseminating and promoting the results of the Working Party's work. ¹ Consideration was given in particular to three types of publication, to wit: an electronic database to generalize the country profiles for all member States; a publication on international labour standards; and a guide, accompanied by a CD-ROM, presenting the decisions taken by the Governing Body on the basis of the recommendations of the Working Party. ² Since then, a preliminary version of the publication on labour standards has been published. The other projects should be carried out in the near future.
- 2. The present document addresses the issue of incorporating the results of the work of the Working Party in the official publications of the Office. Firstly, it may be useful in due course to publish a new edition of the compilation of international labour Conventions and Recommendations, taking into account the decisions taken by the Governing Body regarding these instruments. The results of the work of the Working Party should also be reflected in the ILO's electronic publications, either on the Internet site or in the legal databases.
- **3.** The instruments reproduced in the French and English versions of this compilation are based on the texts of the Conventions and Recommendations as authenticated in accordance with article 19, paragraph 4, of the Constitution. The Office has translated and published Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, German and Russian versions of the Conventions and Recommendations in a similar compilation.
- **4.** Today, very few copies of the compilation of Conventions and Recommendations remain available in stock in each language, and the Office will be called upon to reproduce them in a relatively short period of time. It could publish on this occasion a new edition of this compilation, taking into account the results of the work of the Working Party. In this regard, the introduction would contain a summary of the results of the work of the

¹ Document GB.282/LILS/WP/PRS/5.

² ILO: International labour standards: A global approach, Geneva, 2001.

Working Party and briefly present the methodology followed for the publication of this compilation, in particular the criteria by which certain instruments would not be reproduced.

- **5.** The appendix to the present document contains a list of the instruments that might not be reproduced by the Office.
- **6.** Even if certain instruments do not appear in the next edition of the compilation of Conventions and Recommendations, they will still continue to be included in ILOLEX and APPLIS, the ILO's international labour standards databases, for purposes of historical information. Furthermore, as the Working Party has already been informed, ³ the Office has undertaken the development of an electronic database setting out in a systematic manner the decisions taken by the Governing Body on the basis of the Working Party's recommendations. The objective is to make the database in question accessible on the Internet site of the ILO's International Labour Standards Department and thereby facilitate the dissemination of information on standards-related policy. Links could also be created between, on the one hand, ILOLEX and APPLIS and, on the other, this new database, allowing users to easily become acquainted with the decisions taken by the Governing Body regarding various instruments.
- **7.** Every year, the Office publishes the list of ratifications by Convention and by country. This list will take into account the decisions of the Governing Body in this area.
- **8.** The Working Party will undoubtedly wish to give indications to the Office as to the incorporation of the results of its work in the ILO's official publications.

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³ Document GB.282/LILS/WP/PRS/5, para. 3.

Appendix

List of instruments which could be omitted from the next edition of the compilation of Conventions and Recommendations ¹

Withdrawn Conventions

- * Hours of Work (Coal Mines) Convention, 1931 (No. 31)
- * Hours of Work (Coal Mines) Convention (Revised), 1935 (No. 46)
- * Reduction of Hours of Work (Public Works) Convention, 1936 (No. 51)
- * Reduction of Hours of Work (Textiles) Convention, 1937 (No. 61)
- * Migration for Employment Convention, 1939 (No. 66)

Obsolete Conventions which have not entered into force

- * Holidays with Pay (Sea) Convention, 1936 (No. 54)
- * Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Convention, 1936 (No. 57)
- * Social Security (Seafarers) Convention, 1946 (No. 70)
- * Paid Vacations (Seafarers) Convention, 1946 (No. 72)
- * Accommodation of Crews Convention, 1946 (No. 75)
- * Wages, Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Convention, 1946 (No. 76)
- * Wages, Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 93)
 - Wages, Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Convention (Revised), 1958 (No. 109)

Shelved Conventions

- Night Work (Women) Convention, 1919 (No. 4)
- Minimum Age (Trimmers and Stokers) Convention, 1921 (No. 15)
- Night Work (Bakeries) Convention, 1925 (No. 20)
- Inspection of Emigrants Convention, 1926 (No. 21)
- Protection against Accidents (Dockers) Convention, 1929 (No. 28)
- Fee-Charging Employment Agencies Convention, 1933 (No. 34)
- Old-Age Insurance (Industry, etc.) Convention, 1933 (No. 35)
- Old-Age Insurance (Agriculture) Convention, 1933 (No. 36)
- Invalidity Insurance (Industry, etc.) Convention, 1933 (No. 37)
- Invalidity Insurance (Agriculture) Convention, 1933 (No. 38)
- Survivors' Insurance (Industry, etc.) Convention, 1933 (No. 39)
- Survivors' Insurance (Agriculture) Convention, 1933 (No. 40)

English in 1996) are preceded by an asterisk.

¹ The instruments which were not included in the last edition of the compilation (published in English in 1996) are preceded by an asterisk.

- Night Work (Women) Convention (Revised), 1934 (No. 41)
- Sheet-Glass Works Convention, 1934 (No. 43)
- Maintenance of Migrants' Pension Rights Convention, 1935 (No. 48)
- Reduction of Hours of Work (Glass-Bottle Works) Convention, 1935 (No. 49)
- Recruiting of Indigenous Workers Convention, 1936 (No. 50)
- Minimum Age (Non-Industrial Employment) Convention (Revised), 1937 (No. 60)
- Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1939 (No. 64)
- Penal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1939 (No. 65)
- Hours of Work and Rest Periods (Road Transport) Convention, 1939 (No. 67)
- Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1947 (No. 86)
- Paid Vacations (Seafarers) Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 91)
- Abolition of Penal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1955 (No. 104)

Conventions on final provisions

- * Final Articles Revision Convention, 1946 (No. 80)
- * Final Articles Revision Convention, 1961 (No. 116)

Total: 39 Conventions

Recommendations expressly replaced

- * Repatriation (Ship Masters and Apprentices) Recommendation, 1926 (No. 27)
 - Labour Inspection (Seamen) Recommendation, 1926 (No. 28)
- Safety Provisions (Building) Recommendation, 1937 (No. 53)
- * Co-operation in Accident Prevention (Building) Recommendation, 1937 (No. 55)
- * Vocational Training Recommendation, 1939 (No. 57)
- * Apprenticeship Recommendation, 1939 (No. 60)
- * Migration for Employment Recommendation, 1939 (No. 61)
- * Migration for Employment (Co-operation between States) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 62)
- * Vocational Training (Seafarers) Recommendation, 1946 (No. 77)
- * Vocational Guidance Recommendation, 1949 (No. 87)
- * Vocational Training (Adults) Recommendation, 1950 (No. 88)
- * Vocational Training (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1956 (No. 101)
 - Wages, Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Recommendation, 1958 (No. 109)
- * Occupational Health Services Recommendation, 1959 (No. 112)
- * Vocational Training Recommendation, 1962 (No. 117)
- * Termination of Employment Recommendation, 1963 (No. 119)
- * Employment (Women with Family Responsibilities) Recommendation, 1965 (No. 123)

Obsolete Recommendations

- * Unemployment Recommendation, 1919 (No. 1)
- * Reciprocity of Treatment Recommendation, 1919 (No. 2)
- * Labour Inspection (Health Services) Recommendation, 1919 (No. 5)
- * Unemployment (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 11)
- * Maternity Protection (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 12)
- * Vocational Education (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 15)
- * Living-in Conditions (Agriculture) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 16)
- * Weekly Rest (Commerce) Recommendation, 1921 (No. 18)
 - Utilisation of Spare Time Recommendation, 1924 (No. 21)
- * Migration (Protection of Females at Sea) Recommendation, 1926 (No. 26)
- * Power-driven Machinery Recommendation, 1929 (No. 32)
- Protection against Accidents (Dockers) Reciprocity Recommendation, 1929 (No. 33)
- Protection against Accidents (Dockers) Consultation of Organisations Recommendation, 1929 (No. 34)
- * Forced Labour (Regulation) Recommendation, 1930 (No. 36)
- * Hours of Work (Hotels, etc.) Recommendation, 1930 (No. 37)
- * Hours of Work (Theatres, etc.) Recommendation, 1930 (No. 38)
- * Hours of Work (Hospitals, etc.) Recommendation, 1930 (No. 39)
- * Employment Agencies Recommendation, 1933 (No. 42)
- Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance Recommendation, 1933 (No. 43)
- * Unemployment (Young Persons) Recommendation, 1935 (No. 45)
 - Elimination of Recruiting Recommendation, 1936 (No. 46)
 - Seamen's Welfare in Ports Recommendation, 1936 (No. 48)
- * Hours of Work and Manning (Sea) Recommendation, 1936 (No. 49)
- * Public Works (International Co-operation) Recommendation, 1937 (No. 50)
- * Public Works (National Planning) Recommendation, 1937 (No. 51)
- * Inspection (Building) Recommendation, 1937 (No. 54)
 - Vocational Education (Building) Recommendation, 1937 (No. 56)
- Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 58)
- * Labour Inspectorates (Indigenous Workers) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 59)
- * Control Books (Road Transport) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 63)
- * Night Work (Road Transport) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 64)
- * Methods of Regulating Hours (Road Transport) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 65)
- * Rest Periods (Private Chauffeurs) Recommendation, 1939 (No. 66)
 - Social Policy in Dependent Territories Recommendation, 1944 (No. 70)
- * Employment Service Recommendation, 1944 (No. 72)
- * Public Works (National Planning) Recommendation, 1944 (No. 73)
 - Social Policy in Dependent Territories (Supplementary Provisions) Recommendation, 1945 (No. 74)

- * Minimum Age (Coal Mines) Recommendation, 1953 (No. 96)
 - Ships' Medicine Chests Recommendation, 1958 (No. 105)
 - Medical Advice at Sea Recommendation, 1958 (No. 106)
 - Seafarers' Welfare Recommendation, 1970 (No. 138)

Total: 58 Recommendations