

## CEC Bulletin

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### November 2005 Governing Body Meeting of the International Labour Organization

Attached is a detailed report on the most recent meeting of the ILO's Governing Body (GB)

Andrew Finlay, Chair of the Canadian Employers Council and Vice-President of Scotiabank, sits as one of 28 international employer representatives on the Governing Body. Andrew is spokesperson for the newly established Information Technology and Communications Sub-Committee of the Programme, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC), and sits on the MNE, Employment and Social Policy Committee, Sectoral and Technical Meeting Committee, and is Deputy Spokesperson of the PFAC.

Notable among the decisions was the adoption of the final two agenda items for the 2007 Conference; the three topics (in addition to the standing item of Application of Standards) are:

1. Work in the Fishing Sector;
2. Strengthening the ILO's capacity to discharge its core missions and promote decent work for all at the outset of the 21st century (this was what the workers were pushing for); and
3. Promotion of sustainable enterprises.

In addition, a working group has been established to focus on making annual conferences more effective and efficient.

During the GB meetings, the Management Board of the International Organization of Employers (IOE) met. Andrew Finlay attended as a member of Management Board. The focus of the meeting was to examine four papers that had been developed by teams of employer representatives from around the world, looking at aspects of the IOE's purpose and functioning. From this examination, a number of key decisions were taken, endorsing reorganizing the focus of the IOE's work, establishing greater clarity in direction, and approving the establishment of a policy committee of the IOE. Further detail will be worked out over the coming months, and a plan will be presented at the March meeting of Management Board.

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