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TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

First Supplementary Report: Appointment of a Regional Director

1. Article 4.2(b) of the Staff Regulations provides that:

Appointments to vacancies of Deputy Director-General, Assistant Director-General and Treasurer and Financial Comptroller shall be made by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body.

Article 4.6(b) of the Staff Regulations provides that:

The Deputy Directors-General, Assistant Directors-General and the Treasurer and Financial Comptroller shall be appointed for periods not exceeding five years. The appointments may be renewed indefinitely. No single extension shall exceed five years.

- **2.** Article 1.4(b) of the Staff Regulations provides that Deputy Directors-General, the Assistant Directors-General and the Treasurer and Financial Comptroller, on entering upon their duties, shall make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty before the Governing Body in public session.
- **3.** After duly consulting the Officers of the Governing Body, the Director-General has appointed Mr. Friedrich Buttler as Regional Director of Field Programmes in Europe and Central Asia with effect from 1 May 2001.
- **4.** This decision is communicated to the Governing Body for information. A brief statement concerning the qualifications and previous activities of Mr. Buttler is given overleaf.

Geneva, 7 June 2001.

Mr. Friedrich Buttler (Germany)

Appointed Regional Director of Field Programmes in Europe and Central Asia with effect from 1 May 2001. Born in 1941. Graduated from the University of Göttingen (Faculty of Economics) and completed postgraduate studies in Spain.

Was first a professor of economics before becoming President of Paderborn University. He then became Director of the Institute for Employment Research, a subdivision of the German Federal Labour Office. He became a member of Wissenschaftsrat, an independent advisory body advising the federal and regional governments on higher education and research. He had also been State Secretary of the Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Culture in Brandenburg. As of 1999, he has been Chairman of the Committee for the Modernization of the Government in the State of Brandenburg.

During his working life, he has established and maintained continuous cooperation within the scientific community, with the ILO and other international organizations by means of working groups, lectures, participation in congresses and publications in English and Spanish. During his work as Head of Department of the German Federal Labour Office as well as State Secretary of the Ministry for Higher Education and Research in Brandenburg, he also established many international administrative links to governmental and non-governmental organizations. He has created, inter alia, cooperation projects with partners from Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia on the subject of international migration and the transition process, as well as other cooperation projects with partners from European Union Member States and the United States regarding labour standards in a comparative view.