



Governing Body

310th Session, Geneva, March 2011

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FOR DECISION

SEVENTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

Eighth Supplementary Report: Arrangements for the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting

1. At its 309th Session (November 2010), the Governing Body approved the proposal to hold the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting from 10 to 13 April 2011 in Kyoto, Japan.
2. In the light of the devastating earthquake and tsunami which hit Japan on 11 March 2011, the Office recently held consultations with the Government of Japan to assess the viability of proceeding with the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting as scheduled, taking into account the enormous hardships inflicted upon the people of Japan.
3. Based on these consultations, considering the extraordinary circumstances and in solidarity with the Government and people of Japan, the Director-General recommends that the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting be rescheduled for a later date to be determined by the Governing Body.
4. *In the light of the above, the Governing Body may wish to decide that the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting be rescheduled and that the Director-General be authorized to propose an appropriate date to the Officers of the Governing Body, to be confirmed at its 311th Session (June 2011).*

Geneva, 21 March 2011

Point for decision: Paragraph 4