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B/07/M2

FINAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, 19 MARCH 2007

Present:

Mr Remaeus (chair), Mr Riese, Mr Lusi, Mr Gyorgy, Mr Lopes, Ms Schweng, Ms Waltke, Ms Asherson, Mr Biosca de Sagastuy, Mr Fuente, Mr Takala, Mr Rial-Gonzalez, Mr Smith, Mr Blanch, Ms O'Brien and Mr Bejer (Secretariat).

Item 1: Adoption of the draft Agenda (B/07/A2)

The agenda was adopted.

Item 2: Draft minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2007 (B/07/M1)

Mr Lusi asked for the introduction of the word, 'December', in the last line of item 8.

With this change the minutes were adopted.

Item 3: Preparation for Board meeting (G/07/A1)

The Bureau worked through the Board agenda.

Item 2, Election of chair, vice-chairs and other Bureau members

Mr Biosca de Sagastuy informed that for the time being, he and Mr Fuente would represent the Commission in the Bureau.

Item 3, Rules of procedure

Mr Lusi suggested that the title of article 14 be changed to "Chairing of meetings" and that it be specified in the 2nd sentence of art 10 (3), that it is the Bureau members who can raise an objection.

Item 4, Director's Progress Report

Mr Riese requested that the Agency provides earlier feedback to candidates for posts at the Agency.

Regarding item 5, Work Programme 2008

Mr Biosca de Sagastuy asked that the staff figures provided in the work programme be clearly linked to the establishment plan. Furthermore, regarding the 'OSH in figures' task it is important to ensure coordination with Eurostat and Eurofound to avoid repeating work already being done in other organisations.

The Director confirmed that the Agency will ensure close coordination with Eurostat, but that the Agency can add to Eurostat's work using the OSH expertise of the Agency.

Mr Rial-Gonzalez added that the Observatory always informs about data sources and the methodologies used for data collection, e.g. even to the detail of specific questionnaire items. As regards statistics, it is not only absolute levels which are interesting but also trends and explanations of trends.

Ms Schweng commented that the step-wise approach for the enterprise survey should be continued.

Mr Lopes commented that the Agency should participate in the 28 April day and requested further information on how NGOs are selected.

Ms O'Brien answered that the cooperation with NGOs is very useful and based on requests from the NGOs.

Mr Biosca de Sagastuy asked for WHO to be added to the international partners.

Item 4: Any Other Business

There were no items under Any Other Business.