

5. The Council may:

- (a) establish, and assign responsibilities to, committees, working groups or expert groups; and
- (b) seek the advice of independent experts.

6. All decisions and recommendations of the Council shall be taken by mutual agreement, except as the Council may otherwise decide or as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

#### **Article 10: Council Functions**

1. The Council shall:

- (a) oversee the implementation and develop recommendations on the further elaboration of this Agreement and, to this end, the Council shall, within three years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement, review its operation and effectiveness in the light of experience;
- (b) direct the work and activities of any committees or working groups convened by the Council;
- (c) establish priorities for cooperative action and, as appropriate, develop technical assistance programs on the matters set out in Article 11;
- (d) approve the annual plan of activities of the Commission;
- (e) approve for publication, subject to such terms or conditions as it may impose, reports and studies prepared by independent experts or working groups;
- (f) approve any reports or studies prepared jointly by the National Secretariats at the request of the Council;
- (g) facilitate consultations through the exchange of information;
- (h) address questions and differences that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement; and
- (i) promote the collection and publication of comparable data on enforcement, labour standards and labour market indicators.

2. The Council may periodically request the National Secretariats to undertake projects and activities, as appropriate.

3. The Council may consider any other matter within the scope of this Agreement and take such other action in the exercise of its functions as the Parties may agree.

#### **Article 11: Cooperative Activities**

1. The Council shall promote cooperative activities between the Parties, as appropriate, regarding:

- (a) occupational safety and health;
- (b) child labour;