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Procedures for Presentations to the Commission

The Commission has already received a variety of statements, letters and requests to present statements of facts, specific cases, arguments and perspectives to the Commission on questions within its Mission Statement of March 24, 1993. The Commission has also received many inquiries as to the process it will use in organizing and scheduling its meetings.

The Commission announces the following procedures to assist parties and individuals who wish to express their views on issues relevant to the Commission's assignment.

A. Submission of Statements and Requests to Present Statements

(1) Individuals or representatives of organizations requesting to make presentations in person or by written statement should write to the Commission on the Future of Worker/Management Relations, c/o June M. Robinson, Designated Federal Official, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-2318, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. The request should indicate the particular areas or topics in some detail that the person wishes to address within the Commission's Mission Statement.

(2) The Commission is particularly interested in thoughtful and informative written statements on the questions before it. Procedures will be established to ensure that Commission members have sufficient opportunity to review these statements.

(3) As the Commission develops its agenda, it will, of course, want to group topics and subjects rather than have each session range over its very broad assignment. Requests to make presentations and written statements, properly tailored to the subjects scheduled for review, should prove helpful to the Commission as it seeks to plan and structure its work,

(4) The Commission may also invite, apart from requests, representatives of organizations or individuals to prepare statements, reports or presentations on a particular question.

(5) All presentations and submissions to the Commission shall be treated as public information unless prior arrangements, consistent with applicable law, are made with and approved by the Commission's Designated Federal Official to limit dissemination of the submission.

B. Organization and Scheduling of Meetings

(1) The Commission intends to hold meetings in Washington, D.C. and in other cities around the country to receive testimony and presentations and to explore ideas and ask questions.

(2) The Commission will not always meet in full membership, but also plans to meet in working parties of several members, and to report to the full Commission in open session.

(3) The Commission may also elect to have working parties visit specific worker/management workplaces.

(4) The projected flow of work throughout the year will influence the timing of the meetings and the consideration of presentations on the various topics within the Mission Statement.

(5) At the present time, it is contemplated that all meetings of the full Commission will be open to the public. As the Commission's deliberations progress, should it appear necessary to close meetings or a portion thereof, appropriate notice will be published to adequately apprise interested members of the public.