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Policy Development Section

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Workers' Group Comments

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Sectoral meetings in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022–23

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The workers' group reaffirms its support to the ILO's sectoral approach and work in the promotion of decent work.

The workers group welcomes the work done by the subsidiary body of the STC to produce consolidated versions of the updated ILO flag State inspection and port State control guidelines.

In relation to Sector recurrent work, we highlight the importance of promoting the ratification and effective implementation of sectoral Conventions and Recommendations, as well as sector-specific codes of practice guidelines and tools. The implementation and follow up to conclusions and recommendations adopted at sectoral meetings should also be prioritized. The follow up work of the collective and tripartite development of sector specific instruments and tools is crucial to improve working conditions and labour relations.

As almost all sectors are organized in global supply chains and face major decent work deficits, particularly through different precarious forms of work and employment arrangements, exacerbated by digitalization and automation, particular attention should be given to sectoral global supply chains, taking into account the guidance provided by the 2016 Conference conclusions on decent work in global supply chains. We welcome the work of the Office in its partnerships with other UN agencies by bringing the labour agenda and ILO normative role and experience. We would like to encourage the Office to develop its work to promote decent work in global supply chains, taking into consideration the evolution of regulation of global supply chains at national and international level.

We welcome the outcomes of the sectoral advisory bodies. We note that the final titles of the meetings will be decided by the Governing body at the later stage, however we would like to recall that the titles and content of the meetings should take into consideration the discussions held during the SABs. The technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector, should include in its title and content the labour dimension and should address the issues of Occupational Safety and Health, social protection and updating skills. Similarly, the technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector, misses a labour dimension and should address working conditions, with a particular emphasis on Occupational Safety and Health. In relation to the meeting on Oil and Gas, the main focus should be on Just Transition.

The workers group would like to recommend that, in line with the SAB discussions, the additional 9th meeting should be dedicated to the manufacturing sector, as both proposals presented on green technology and in the changing patterns in the steel industry, gained tripartite interest.

The workers' group strongly invites the Office to allocate sufficient funds for the follow-up on the SAB recommendations regarding the organization of tripartite regional and national meetings in the sectors of road transport; artisanal and small-scale mining; and on forestry as recurrent and follow up

work of previous sectoral meetings, in line with its conclusions. Further work on railways should also be developed, through regional meetings and research.

We welcome the office proposed schedule for global sectoral meetings 2021, to accommodate all the meetings endorsed by the GB and postponed from 2020 due to travel restrictions, and we encourage the tripartite engagement to achieve substantive results in this year's agenda. We confirm our agreement on the dates proposed in Appendix II, including for the Meeting of Experts to revise the 1992 code of practice on safety and health in construction. Finally, we invite the Office to request the GB to allocate sufficient funds for 2022 for the Meeting on Technical meeting in the finance sector.

Italy's comments on "Sectoral Meetings in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022-2023 (GB.341/POL/3)

Italy would like to highlight that in the draft decision there is not any reference concerning the manufacturing sector, a particularly important sector for the Italian and world economy, which has been severely hit by the pandemic. It is very important to foresee sectorial meetings to study this issue in depth. The Italian government would appreciate it could be properly considered.



European Union Written Statement

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The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia¹, Montenegro, Serbia* and Albania*, the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.*

1. The EU and its Member States see great value in the ILO sectoral work as a means to achieve the goal of decent work for all. As we can also see within Europe, dialogue at sectoral level has shown its important role in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and through its support for a sustainable and inclusive recovery.
2. We support the ILO's approach to sectoral work and welcome the focus on a just transition to environmental sustainability and digitalisation, promoting decent and sustainable work in global and domestic supply chains and achieving several targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, in the framework of multilateral coherence. On the whole, the means of action used by the Office to implement sectorial policies, including recurrent sectoral work, are, in our view, most suitable in order to produce the expected results.
3. We welcome the dissemination of revised ILO guidelines for inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, these are important for decent work in the shipping sector.
4. The EU and its Member States would more specifically like to thank the Office for the excellent organization of the Sectoral Advisory Bodies (SABs) of January 2021. We particularly appreciated the constructive spirit with which all parts engaged in the discussions and we believe that the proposals for sectoral meetings that were finally selected cover a broad range of topical sectoral issues, adapted to the current context, and will lead us to fruitful debates and outcomes.
5. In this regard, the EU and its Member States would like to particularly thank the tripartite constituents at the SABs for the unanimous support by which our proposal for the organization of a technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector was adopted. We look forward to the organisation of the Meeting, preferably at the beginning of 2022, in order to explore the best possible ways to use the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity to improve the sustainability and resilience of tourism in the future.

**The Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.*

6. The EU and its Member States take due note of the Office's assurances, during the SABs, that it is in a position to organize the number of meetings selected. In this respect, we would also like to reiterate our call to the Office in integrating the transition to formality into the ILO sectoral work and to put on record one more time our interest for a tripartite meeting of experts on ensuring decent work in the platform economy, to be scheduled, if possible, during the second half of 2021, as suggested by the Office in doc GB.341/INS/3/1.

IMEC Statement POL 3 Sectoral Meetings in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022-2023

This statement is made on behalf of IMEC

IMEC takes note of the revised schedule of meetings at appendices I and II, following tripartite consultations, to address the meetings backlog because of the restrictions imposed due to COVID 19 and supports decision point 22 (a).

Furthermore, it supports decision point 22 (b) which provides that the Office will in respect of the technical meeting on education, select an independent Chairperson with relevant expertise and in respect of the meetings on urban transport services and aquaculture appoint as a Chairperson a member of the Governing Body.

IMEC welcomes the publication on the ILO website of the updated versions of the ILO flag State inspection and State control guidelines under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (as amended) at decision point 22 (c).

IMEC supports the ILO approach to sectoral work involving the promotion of decent work across the four pillars of the Decent Work Agenda. An approach which also includes addressing issues of gender equality and non-discrimination and is focused on the implementation of the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work which calls for a human centred approach to the future of work by promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all through, amongst others, sectoral policies that promote decent work and enhance productivity.

IMEC welcomes the continued focus of the Office in contributing to sector specific knowledge on the impact of the pandemic, providing guidance and tools to assist in protecting workers, sustaining enterprises and developing strategies for resilience.

IMEC supports the Office's continuing commitment to further strengthen strategic partnerships across the multilateral system to promote policy coherence and to leverage support for decent work.

IMEC takes note of the proposed programme of the global sectoral meetings for 2022 – 2023, as presented in appendix III. IMEC wishes to thank the members of the sectoral advisory body for their work. The programme is well balanced in attention to specific sectors and to topics that are important to be discussed within those sectors. Thus, we support the decision point 22 (d).