

**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF MANPOWER
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA,
H.E MR. HANIF DHAKIRI
AT THE PLENARY DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT
OF THE ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL
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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

Allow me to begin by joining other delegation in congratulating ILO on its centenary celebration.

In a century, the world of work has seen tremendous changes caused by technological advances, globalization of production, environmental degradation, climate change and demographic pressures. During the past one hundred years, the world has also seen the emergence of new global economic power from the South that successfully elevated millions of people from poverty. Nevertheless, inequalities and uncertainties remain. Poverty is still a problem. Millions of workers are entering the workforce every year.

The big challenge for many countries in the coming century is to ensure universal social justice and the right to development are fulfilled. This trend will continue in the foreseeable future and will directly and indirectly the future of work issues.

Therefore, we should take the momentum of this Centenary Conference to reinvigorate our commitment and take decisive action to achieve social justice, lasting peace and stability.

Indonesia welcomes “human-centred agenda” proposed by the Global Commission on the Future of Work. We have conducted series of national exchanges of views with the social partners to discuss this new agenda and would like to share our views on the three pillars of the “human-centred agenda”:

First, on increasing investment in people’s capabilities

We believe that lifelong learning is a key to navigate multiple transitions in the future of work. I should like to emphasize that this is a common responsibility of the Government, employer’s organization and trade unions. Furthermore, it should be an integral part of investment projects in developing countries.

In this regard, I would like to invite support and collaboration from the Office, as well as our dialogue partners in Indonesia’s efforts to revitalize our technical and vocational education and training (TVET). We are pleased to inform that we would like to establish 1000 new job training centres this year to better address the skill mismatch and youth unemployment in the future.

At national level, in collaboration with the Indonesian Employer’s Association (APINDO), we continue to strengthen our national efforts in skill development through apprenticeships in line with the Roadmap on Development of Education and Vocational Training 2017-2025.

Second, on increasing investment in the institutions of work

Indonesia is of the view on the importance of developing innovative social dialogue on the broader issues of the world of work. Acknowledging that there is no “one-size-fits all” approach in organizing social dialogue, the mechanism and form of national social dialogue should be developed based on national circumstances.

I am pleased to inform the Conference that we continue to strengthen social dialogue through our National Tripartite Cooperation Agency on both national and local level. Moreover, as part of our effort to further increase investment in the institutions of work, we have also established the National Council of Wage, the National Occupational Safety and Health Council, as well as the National Productivity Council.

Third, increasing investment in decent and sustainable work

Indonesia believes that investment in key areas of decent and sustainable work is essential element in the future of work. In this context, Indonesia welcomes the recommendation in the report on the importance of prioritizing the development of rural economy, as many countries in the world the rural economy still form the backbone of their economies.

The Government of Indonesia is committed to strengthen rural economic development by providing the Village Fund. Along with this initiative, we also have developed

“Productive Migrant Villages” aims to improve the economic self-reliance and living standard of the migrant workers returnees and their families at their home villages.

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The promotion of a human centred agenda at international level requires a robust multilateralism that links international policies in trade, finance, labour and migration. Indonesia observes the current deterioration of multilateralism in all its aspects. We must address this growing trend towards unilateralism, as a matter of urgency. In this regard, the ILO must play its part and need to strengthen its institutional capacity to engage and collaborate with all relevant organizations in multilateral system to explore ways and means to implement the recommendations in the Global Commission report, and in doing so ensuring that globalization benefits all nations.

I would like to assure you that Indonesia stands ready to work with all stakeholders in the world of work in shaping national and international policies to ensure the future of work that ensures social justice for all.

I thank you