

**The Centenary International Labour Conference**  
**The Government to the State of Eritrea' Speech at the**  
**108<sup>th</sup> Session (2019)**

**Ladies and Gentle men**

As 2019 is the year that marks the centenary of the ILO, I wish to express my gratitude to deliver a speech on behalf of my Government in this Centenary Conference, and My delegation welcomes the report of the ILO director general Mr. Guy Ryder, ILO governing body report and report submitted by the Global Commission on the future of work.

Government to the state of Eritrea capitalizing on the opportunities granted by the Eritrea Ethiopia peace accord, engaged in reconstruction and rehabilitation of the nation, embarking on knowledge based work to achieve sustainable decent work for all. The action taken by the Government of Eritrea is in harmony with the future of work principles that call for genuine actions to the transformations taking place in the world of work. Thus the “Global Commission’s report along with its Recommendation” is well acknowledged as ILO working instrument to the future of work.

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In this new era of peace, Government for the State of Eritrea attaches great importance to the fundamental principles of nation building, which consists of creating and expanding national wealth through knowledge based hard work, well-organized productive work and ensuring equitable distribution of resources and opportunities. Within the process of implementing the nation building principles, through its major tasks of water supply for all, reviving transport and communication infrastructure, Green power generation and electricity supply, housing projects,

modern health and education infrastructure to strengthen human capability and reviving industrial sector and monitor and evaluate implementation efficiency and effectiveness of all the major tasks. The above enumerated major tasks are not new, the detailed programs are revised to be implement within the framework of the new era of peace.

Proper implementation on these major tasks shall open wider chances; of jobs creation and employment opportunities to its people. Such transformative strategy will transform the old traditional subsistence economy to developed industrial economy to bring sustainable change in the quality of life to vast segments of its population especially the vulnerable. Their accomplishment will depend on the full participation of our people and their relentless toil and resilience.

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In connection with the new era of peace, Eritrea appreciates the noble idea and congratulates ILO who gave high priority to the key challenges of transformational change at work. Eritrea has held Three tripartite meeting nationally on the centenary initiative conversation and reached consensus at events after identifying its opportunities and challenges. Consequently, Eritrea ratified the C182 “Worst Forms of Child Labour” on 31 May 2019 to celebrate its universal ratification.

Let me conclude by expressing my delegation’s appreciation to the efforts of the Secretary-General towards the creation recommendation on the future of work and wish to assure Eritrea’s full support and cooperation to the “future of work” in achieving its stated objectives. Eritrea commits to cooperate with all mechanism and special procedures, in the interest of employment creation and poverty eradication. The GSE recommends the Centenary initiative to contribute its part to bring a lasting peace, and enjoy social justice sustainably.

I thank you!