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I. Inter-governmental references to the social dimension of globalization prior to the publication of the Report

- **UN Millennium Declaration, Millennium Summit** (6-8 September 2000, New York)

Paragraph 5: *“We believe that the central challenge we face today is to ensure that globalization becomes a positive force for all the world’s people. For while globalization offers great opportunities, at present its benefits are very unevenly shared, while its costs are unevenly distributed.”*

- **“Monterrey Consensus”, International Conference on Financing for Development** (18-22 March 2002, Monterrey, Mexico)

Paragraph 64: *“To strengthen the effectiveness of the global economic system’s support for development, we encourage the following actions:*

(...)

- *Support the International Labour Organization and encourage its ongoing work on the social dimension of globalization.”*

- **Plan of Implementation, World Summit on Sustainable Development** (26 August–4 September 2002, Johannesburg, South Africa)

Paragraph 47: (d) *“Support the International Labour Organization and encourage its ongoing work on the social dimension of globalization, as stated in paragraph 64 of the Monterrey Consensus.”*

- **Agreed Conclusions, UN Commission for Social Development, fortieth session** (11-21 and 27 February 2002, New York)

Paragraph 10: *“The Commission encourages the ongoing work of the organizations of the United Nations system on the social dimension of globalization and notes the efforts of the International Labour Organization Working Party in this regard.”*

- **General Assembly, Fifty-eighth session**, Resolution 58/225, ‘Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence’ (adopted on 23 December 2003)

Operational Paragraph 22: *“Stresses the need for the United Nations system to continue to address the social dimension of globalization, encourages in that regard the work of the International Labour Organization on the social dimension of globalization, and takes note of the ongoing work of its World Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization.”*

- **UN Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/23**, “Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights”

Preambular paragraph: *“Taking note also of the work under way at the World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalization established by the International Labour Organization”.*

- **G8 Labour and Employment Ministers Conference**, “Growth and Employment: The Future of the Working Society in a Changing World”, Stuttgart, 14 to 16 December 2003; Chair's Conclusions

“We are convinced that the social dimension of globalization needs to be taken into consideration more strongly at the multilateral level. Growth and employment should be central political objectives across all policy fields. We call upon all stakeholders to actively promote the opportunities that may result from the globalization process by engaging in close and constructive cooperation. We look forward to the results of the work by the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization established within the ILO. We recognize the need for increased collaboration by international institutions with respect to the impact of global policy issues on employment policy. In this context, consideration should be given to developing an inter-institutional dialogue forum consisting of ILO, UNCTAD, WTO, World Bank, and IMF.”

II. Inter-governmental references to the Report of the World Commission after its publication

- **UN Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/24**, “Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights” (adopted on 16 April 2004)

Preambular paragraph: *“Taking note of the recent report entitled A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization established by the International Labour Organization in February 2002 and emphasizing the need to operationalize the recommendations contained in the Report aimed at the full enjoyment of human rights,”*

- **Communication from the European Commission**, to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions (18 May 2004)

“In this communication, the European Commission sets out its initial views on some of the issues raised in the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization. Overall the report delivers balanced, critical but positive messages that can be the basis for future action. It recognises that some steps have already been taken at global, regional and national levels, but it makes it very clear that much more should be done at all levels in a complementary and mutually reinforcing way to extend the benefits of globalization to all. This is a challenge to both the European Union and Member States. The effective follow-up of the Report, by all partners, will be of key importance.”

The EU has already developed initiatives and policies to address the social dimension of globalization both in Europe and elsewhere. It is now important that the Union, at the highest political level, expresses its commitment to taking action to strengthen this dimension in the light of the WCSDG’s report and the initial proposals made in this Communication.”

- **Joint Communiqué of the Eighteenth ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting**, 13-14 May 2004, Brunei Darussalam

“The Ministers welcomed the Report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization. The Ministers instructed their Senior Officials and the ASEAN Secretariat to further study the implications of the Report and to propose appropriate follow-up actions on the recommendations which may have particular relevance to regional integration in ASEAN.”

- **Decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union**, 3rd Ordinary Session, 6-8 July 2004, Addis Ababa

“The Assembly...

***WELCOMES** the Report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation as an important contribution to the necessary adjustments required for the realization of the vision of the AU, including NEPAD, and the Millennium Development Goals and for strengthening policy coherence as well as the spirit of globalisation for people;*

***REQUESTS** that the Report be given wide study and support in the regional and international organizations, including the United Nations, as a document articulating some of the concerns for the development of Africa and her people and **INVITES** African States to consider supporting some of its recommendations as common position in furtherance of the collective interests of Africa;*

***DECIDES** that the Report constitute part of the Agenda for consideration by the Extraordinary African Union Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation to be held in Ouagadougou on 7 – 9 September 2004.”*

III. Comments on the Report of the World Commission

a) Heads of State and Government

- **H.E. Mr. Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, President of the EU**, in a statement given at the IMI Management Conference in Ireland, 23 April 2004

“I respect the legitimate concerns of those who fear a threat to the living standards of many people through globalization. Unfortunately, we see too many examples around the world of dislocation, which is not followed by local economic renewal. But the reality is, it does not have to be like that. On the contrary, economic development, spread equitably around the globe, is the best and only answer for the suffering of the impoverished masses in developing countries. What is required to achieve this potential was set out in the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization. It was produced by an international panel of distinguished personalities from a wide range of backgrounds and emphasized that the global market economy can deliver unprecedented material progress. It requires a better focus on people, a strategy of sustainable development, fair rules governing productive and equitable markets, greater accountability and solidarity, deeper partnerships and an effective United Nations. These are all principles with which the Irish Government can identify.”

- **S.E. M. Jacques CHIRAC, Président de la République, France**

- **Communiqué de presse du Palais de l’Elysée, 25 mai 2004**

“Le Président de la République a reçu, mardi 25 mai 2004, M. Juan Somavia, Directeur général du Bureau international du travail. Cette rencontre s’est inscrite dans le cadre des consultations préparatoires au Sommet du G8. Le Président de la République a réaffirmé son engagement à défendre, lors du prochain Sommet du G8 à Sea Island et dans les instances internationales, la dimension sociale de la mondialisation. »

- **Extracts of press conference after G8 meeting in Sea Island (9 June 2004)**

“I also had an opportunity in the course of the meeting to say how much interest we should pay on the economy, of course, but also its impact on social and environmental issues. This gave me an opportunity to take on board and carry forward some elements of the report drawn up by [the World Commission] and I stressed two main points.

First of all, the major institutions -- international institutions such as the social institutions of the ILO, for instance, and also the economic and trade organizations, we shouldn't, as I say, leave them to work out independently from one another. We should make sure that there is some consistency in what they do and coordination amongst their actions.

I more specifically focused on the need for coordination between the ILO and the WTO, and also the ILO and the international financial institutions. That is a point that was very significantly stressed by [the World Commission in its] report, and I think [it] is absolutely right.”

- **H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of Spain** (statement to the International Labour Conference, 9 June 2004)

“I believe that the report of the World Commission provides us with some very useful ideas on how to develop a strategy. First, it is important to build a social dimension of globalization by strengthening

systems of good governance and this task will be the leitmotif of international discussions over the next few years. My thoughts on the globalization of the economy and its social impact are predicated on the belief that “decent work” must become a major global objective and not just a goal of the ILO. I also believe that the ILO could heed the call of the Commission to improve participation in and the accountability of the multilateral system by mobilizing tripartite partners all over the world, thereby ensuring that we contribute fully to building a social dimension of globalization.”

- **H.E. Mr. Gerhard Schröder, Chancellor, Federal Republic of Germany**

“The goal of shaping globalization fairly, thus creating opportunities for all, is one shared by the Federal Government. We were therefore very interested to read the report and the recommendations contained therein and are keen to engage in a debate also in an international framework. The Federal Government will play a committed role in your proposed analysis and discussion of the Report in Germany and in international fora.”

- **H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom**

“Globalization and the increasing pace of change in the international community raise many complex questions. The Commission’s report is a very useful contribution to this debate and I am sure that it will contribute to a greater understanding of the underlying issues. The UK Government will participate actively in future discussion of the proposals.”

- **H.E. Mr. Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada** (letter of 31 May)

“The Commission’s recommendations for strengthening the multilateral system and greater policy coherence among international organizations resonate with Canadians.”

- **H.E. Mr. Carlo Ciampi, President of Italy** (letter of 28 June 2004)

“Il s’agit d’un excellent document, qui peut constituer une contribution, prestigieuse et arrivant au bon moment, au débat en cours sur un phénomène qui depuis des années influence toute question politique et toutes les sphères de la vie sociale.....Je souhaite que le Rapport constitue une sérieuse base de réflexion, un puissant encouragement à mettre de côté les divisions et à adopter des actions correctives efficaces. Il est important que les recommandations concrètes avancées dans le document, fruit d’un dialogue et d’une confrontation entre les composantes sociales les plus diverses de chaque continent, soient l’objet d’un examen attentif au niveau local, national et mondial... Il faut corriger les aspects pervers de la globalisation et en contrôler les potentialités à travers le repérage des instruments de concertation appropriés : c’est un impératif moral aussi bien que politique. C’est le moyen de tenir foi aux engagements de justice sociale, de sécurité dans les conditions de travail, de respect des droits fondamentaux que nous avons assumés en signant la Déclaration du Millénaire.»

- **H.E. Ms. Helen Clarke, Prime Minister of New Zealand** (statement to the International Labour Conference, 7 June 2004)

“The report analyses the process of globalization in the late 20th century, examines both its potential and its pitfalls, and suggests ways in which nation states, multilateral institutions and non-state actors might work to ensure that globalization creates opportunities for all and not just for the already powerful. In so doing, the report moves well beyond the slogans so often associated with discussions of globalization. It recognizes that the process of globalization is here to stay, but that significant policy changes are needed at the national and international levels if it is to contribute to fair and just work. The report also identifies major 21st century issues like mass migration across borders, for which there are not, at this time, adequate multilateral frameworks.”

- **H.E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana** (letter dated 14 June 2004)

“I deeply appreciate the hard work which the members of the Commission devoted to this challenging subject under the able leadership of my good friend and brother H.E. President Benjamin William Mkapa of Tanzania....I welcome the Report as an important contribution to promoting serious dialogue in the search for solutions to one of the critical challenges of our time. My Government and I will study the recommendations of the Report with a view to determining what policy options and actions can be derived from them.”

- **H.E. Mr. Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

“The study is timely given the current concern of most world leaders over the social and economic disparities that exist in many developing countries. The urgent need for social cohesion and the eradication of poverty cannot be understated and in this context the effects of globalization on developing countries are of immense importance. I can assure you that the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is currently addressing many of the issues highlighted in the report but recognizes that action at the multilateral level is necessary to confront these challenges in a meaningful way.”

- **H.M. Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk, King of Cambodia**

“I would like to express to you my warmest thanks for the Report of the World Commission. Allow me to take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency my strongest support for the outstanding efforts that you and your Organization have done to reduce poverty and to foster sustainable growth and development in the world.”

- **H.E. Mr. Georgi Parvanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria** (statement to the International Labour Conference, 7 June 2004)

“The best thing about the Report is that it brings together the various views of globalization in a forceful common message that gives us confidence to believe that, through dialogue, we can make the world a better place to live.”

- **H.E. Mr. Ferenc Madl, President of the Republic of Hungary**, (letter of 7 June)

“We fully support the idea that the social dimension of globalization must be strengthened to ensure a more stable and prosperous world.”

b) Ministers

- **Mr. K. Natwar Singh, Minister of External Affairs, India** (letter of 15 June)

“The Report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, indeed, makes a seminal contribution to the debate on one of the most important issues facing us today. It should assist developing countries in formulating effective strategies to deal with the challenge of globalization. We in India will certainly examine the Report and its recommendations very carefully. At the international level, I have no doubt that our government will wish to give it the necessary profile so that the issues that have been raised, and the recommendations that have been made, receive the attention they deserve.”

- **M. Jean-Louis Borloo, Ministre de l'Emploi, du Travail et de la Cohésion sociale, France**

"Je suis convaincu que l'équilibre de la paix se joue autour des questions abordées dans le rapport de la Commission...C'est autour de la dimension sociale de la mondialisation qu'est en train de s'organiser et de s'imposer au monde une conscience universelle...Si l'on organisait en France un referendum au sujet du rapport et de ses recommandations, vous pouvez être certain que vous obtiendrez 80 à 90% d'avis favorables...Vous pouvez être assuré d'un soutien très poussé et approfondi des autorités françaises dans leur ensemble".

- **Mme Micheline Calmy Rey, Conseillère Fédérale, Département fédéral des affaires étrangères, Suisse**

«Elaboré par une Commission indépendante qui reflète une très grande diversité d'opinions et de préoccupations, le Rapport constitue la première tentative d'aborder de façon systématique la dimension sociale de la globalisation. Je ne peux que féliciter la Commission du travail considérable qu'elle a fourni. La Suisse prendra une part active aux travaux qui suivront la présentation du rapport de la Commission, dans le but de permettre à l'Organisation internationale du Travail de contribuer à une gestion équitable du processus de globalisation. »

- **Mr. Wolfgang Clement, Minister of Economy and Labour, Germany**

"I should like to tell you today how pleased I am that the objectives and recommendations in the World Commission's Report are in many respects matching the employment policy statement made at the last G8 Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference in Stuttgart. In its report the World Commission indeed provides an interesting impetus for an extension of the cooperation in the framework of networks at the national, regional and international level. In this context I consider it particularly important that the initiative aiming at linking important players at the multilateral level as the ILO, the Bretton Woods institutions and the WTO will be considered as soon as possible. The planned follow up" process equally meets with our approval in wide areas. The Federal Government will actively participate in the public discussion of the report at the national, EU and international level. We also support the aim of an intensification of inter-regional dialogue processes. In this context we are striving for a closer inter-regional co-operation in growth and employment questions."

- **Mr. Yero, Minister of Public Service, Labour and Professional Organisations, Senegal**

"The call for policy coherence on economic and social policies among international organisations is very much welcomed and should be pursued by African labour ministers and African Heads of State."

- **Mr. Ricardo Berzoini, Minister of Labour, Brazil**

"My government confers considerable value on the exercise undertaken by the ILO. There is no stronger tool for promoting changes than dialogue."

- **Mr. Takashi Tanihata, Senior Vice Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan**

"The World Commission Report states what is necessary in order that globalization can benefit all the people in the world. We commend the report that specifies "Decent Work" as a global goal. To

achieve this goal, job creation, the development of occupational skills, occupational safety and health, and dialogue between labor and management will be important.”

- **Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany**

"The co-operation between the international institutions has to become still closer. The many individual initiatives, conferences and projects have to be better synchronised with the global aim of combating poverty and the fair building of Globalization".

- **Mr. Kim Holmes, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, on behalf of US Secretary of State, Colin Powell** (letter of 22 June 2004)

"The Commission is to be commended for its excellent analysis of the factors that have contributed to the current phenomenon of globalization. The Commission also rightly concluded that responsibility for addressing social issues associated with globalization rests primarily at the national level with national governments.....The ILO has had an important role in working to improve the welfare of workers and of mankind in general. We look forward to working with the ILO to enhance its contribution to harnessing the potential of globalization through focus on issues such as core labour standards."

- **Ms. Maria Soledad Alvear Valenzuela, Minister of External Relations, Chile** (letter of 8 June 2004)

"Estimo que el informe "Por una globalización justa: crear oportunidades para todas" contribuye significativamente a abordar la globalización desde una perspectiva más "humana". Asimismo, concuerdo que las recomendaciones del documento deben reorientar el debate en torno al fenómeno y reforzar fundamentalmente la dimensión social de la globalización. Por lo anterior, le manifiesto el apoyo del Gobierno de Chile al informe en cuestión, como asimismo le informo que nuestro país estudiará acciones para contribuir a que las recomendaciones contenidas en el se puedan convertir en realidad en el corto plazo. »

- **Mr. Carlos Tomada, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Argentina** (statement to the International Labour Conference, 11 June 2004)

"The report of the Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization is especially helpful when [it] observes that we are all called on to promote a coherent integration of economic and social policies which focus on the well-being and quality of life of people... The social dimension is not just an optional extra, based on whether or not the economy is doing well, but an essential condition for a new growth model...Our country has been recovering from the most serious political, economic and social crisis in its history...More than half of our population were living in unacceptable levels of poverty which never had been seen before. The Government's priority has been to concentrate on the most needy, creating employment and revitalizing the national economy...Growth alone is not enough... Argentina has decided to grow through employment. Currently, every growth point in our national product creates twice as many jobs as it did ten years ago."

- **Mr. Philippe Séguin, ancien Ministre, ancien Président de l'Assemblée nationale française et actuel Président du Conseil d'administration du BIT** (discours lors de la réunion du Conseil d'administration, 18 juin 2004)

"Il nous faudra mettre en oeuvre, de façon concrète, les recommandations du rapport de la Commission mondiale...Le suivi du rapport me paraît fondamental pour l'avenir de notre Organisation, son assise au sein du système multilatéral, son ancrage dans la modernité –en un mot, il

s'agit bien de la vocation même de l'OIT qui est ici en jeu, pour qu'elle soit véritablement le moteur d'une mondialisation maîtrisée. »

c) International organizations

• **Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations**

“The Secretary-General welcomes the Report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization and hopes the international community will pay close attention to the Commission’s findings and recommendations on one of the most important issues of our time – the need to ensure that people throughout the world, and especially the poor, can benefit from globalization and have a voice wherever decisions about it are taken. The Secretary-General congratulates the ILO and its Director-General, Mr. Juan Somavia, on taking this important initiative and seeing it through.”

• **Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of UNDP**

“I would like to add my congratulations to the many you have no doubt received on the work of this high level commission. I know that it cannot have been easy managing this process with 26 eminent person chaired by two sitting Heads of State, and this only increases my admiration for your work. As you know, the issue of globalization has been discussed on many occasions, both within the UN and in other forums. I am therefore particularly impressed with the Commission’s objective views on the positive as well as the negative aspects of globalization and its contribution of proposals at both the national and international levels. I fully support the importance given to employment and core labour standards, together with fairer rules for trade, investment, finance and migration. I believe the Commission is fully on target with the emphasis on good governance. I believe this is an essential condition if we are to meet the Millennium Development Goals.”

• **Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of FAO**

“FAO welcomes the Report of the WCSDG and agrees with its conclusions and recommendations... I am also convinced that a shared understanding among stakeholders in terms of their own priorities, knowledge and commitment is the best way forward. I look forward to collaborating with the ILO on the follow up process.”

• **Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime**

“I am certainly impressed by the analytical work and the research underpinning the Report.”

• **Mr. James Wolfensohn, President of the World Bank**

“The themes of the report resonate with many of the messages I have often highlighted in public appearances as well as with my staff over the last few years. The world is unsustainably, and in many places, increasingly, out of balance. We must do more to improve governance, make trade fair, promote quality employment, protect migrant workers, and achieve the MDGs. Mobilizing the international donor community is an important part of that effort.”

• **Mr. Agustín Carstens, Deputy Managing Director of IMF**

“The Commission’s Report presents a number of useful and sensible recommendations. In particular it highlights the important role of good governance, effective social safety nets, and provision of adequate levels of services with positive externalities, such as education and health care, to limit the

effects of globalization on income inequality. The IMF is more than willing to participate in a working group made up of several UN institutions and other IFIs to study ways to promote growth, investment and employment, provided that this is not governed by the structures of a PCI and the mandate of each institution is respected.”

Mr. Ruud Lubbers, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

“As a former Professor of Globalization, I read with special pleasure “A Fair Globalization” and its excellent recommendations. I particularly endorse the call for a stronger ethical framework to guide the governance of globalization.”

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

“I am glad to see that the social dimension of globalization is beginning to get increasing attention in international policy circles, and I am sure that the Report of the Commission will serve to advance the debate considerably. In particular, the conclusions of the Report will provide a useful impetus on a number of emerging issues that are currently being discussed in UNCTAD. These include the need to allow developing countries greater policy autonomy in the international financial system and the multilateral trading system, as well as the necessity of developing fair and transparent rules for the cross-border movement of people.”

Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of UNEP

“I sincerely compliment you on the work undertaken by the Commission. It is no easy task to analyze the social effects of globalization and to provide a series of proposals for correcting the imbalances. The fact that this work was undertaken by a group of people representing a very wide spectrum of opinions, made this exercise even more challenging. This is one of the main accomplishments of the Commission, which is comprised of a diverse group. I hope this experiment will continue to prove its relevance during the follow-up of the report, and that it may be repeated in the future. The Report’s positive spirit and focus on people are encouraging.... I want to fully subscribe to the Commission’s conclusion that there is a need for increased policy coherence. This is an age in which all major issues are of a complex nature and interact with each other. The suggested Policy Coherence Initiatives, Policy Development Dialogues as well as the Globalization Policy Forum will contribute to this goal.”

Mr. Don McKinnon, Commonwealth Secretary-General

“I believe there may be some convergence with the recommendations of the Report of the WCSDG and those coming out of the Commonwealth’s Expert Group’s Report on the linkages between democracy, development, poverty and conflict, and that we can work together to see that the reports have a positive impact on the international stage.”

Mr. Pascal Lamy, EU Trade Commissioner

“The report constitutes a major contribution to future work in realising a more inclusive and fair Globalization for all. It is a call for comprehensive dialogue, strategy and action and will give a new impetus to the harnessing of Globalization. The World Commission strongly advocates a coherent approach covering the economic, social and environmental dimension and more effective governance at all levels. The report underlines the importance of regional integration with a strong social dimension as a stepping stone towards a fairer Globalization.”

d) **Parliamentarians**

- **M. Jean-Louis DEBRE, Président de l'Assemblée nationale, France**

« Ce rapport fait une analyse objective et sans concession du bilan de la mondialisation et propose un ensemble de recommandations pour en corriger les inégalités et développer sa démocratisation...La mondialisation interpelle les citoyens qui souvent ne la comprennent pas et qui suscite chez eux des peurs...Il faut donner à la mondialisation une légitimité qu'elle n'a pas actuellement...Cette recherche de légitimité renvoie notamment au rôle des Parlements qui ont eux la légitimité de la représentativité».

- **Ms. Skarpelis-Sperk, Member of Parliament, German Bundestag**

“The report describes in an objective and non passionate manner the possible threats of globalization for workers and correctly emphasizes policy correctives at local, national and international level.”

e) **Business**

- **Mr. Oleg V. Eremeev, Director-General, Coordinating Council of Employers' Unions of Russia**

“The thought provoking nature of the Report and its recommendations will certainly have profound repercussions on the on-going fight against poverty and social exclusion. On our part we are fully prepared to contribute to its promotion in this country.”

- **Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chairman of Anglo American plc**

“I strongly support the structure of the recommendations, with beginning at home with sound national governance and moving onto changes in global governance. I am also in support of the thrust of almost all the recommendations. I believe that the best way forward would be to use the material of the Report to guide the direction of development and policy of existing institutions.”

- **Mr. Peter Sutherland, Chairman of BP plc and former Director-General of GATT/WTO**

"The World Commission report is a very valuable addition to the globalization debate and has many recommendations that deserve urgent consideration."

- **Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Chairman, Japan Business Federation** (letter of 22 June 2004)

“I would like to congratulate you again on the work done by the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization and hope the ILO constituents could work together in making the most of potentiality of globalization to promote well-balanced economic and social development.”

- **Mr. François Périgot, President of the International Organization of Employers (IOE) and member of the World Commission**

“The report of the World Commission recognizes the potential benefits of globalization and also recognizes its potential in terms of economic and social development. The conditions needed for this entail giving real and serious consideration to the basic principles and values that must imbue the democratic market economy model. Essentially, this means that all actors of a society resting on

private initiative and a free market must shoulder their responsibility. They must all practice good governance and demonstrate commitment, be they citizens, governments, national institutions or international institutions.”

- **Mr. Daniel Funes de Rioja, Vice-Chair of the ILO Governing Body and Chair of the ILO Employers’ Group and *ex-officio* member of the World Commission**

“Business experts would not agree with everything in the report and perhaps from a business perspective, it would have been written differently. However, on balance, upon the conclusion of the Commission, I am more optimistic for the future and believe that an opportunity now exists to move the debate on to a different, more proactive and engaged level. I believe that this opportunity should be seized.”

f) Trade unions

- **Mr. Guy Ryder, General Secretary of International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU)**

“We warmly welcome the World Commission’s report which seeks to close the ever-increasing gap between the haves and have-nots. We look forward to playing our part in seeing these very important recommendations becoming a reality, and we will not allow them to become simply political rhetoric. The international trade union movement applauds this report since it understands the myriad issues involved in developing a more inclusive form of globalization including growth, investment and decent employment in the global economy. We expect international meetings this year, such as the G8 Summit in the US in June, to give the report full backing and examine how to implement its recommendations.”

- **Mr. Willy Thys, Secretary General, World Confederation of Labour (WCL)**

“Since its creation in 1920, WCL has worked actively to introduce a social dimension in the economic, financial and commercial policies at the local, national, regional and international levels, from the perspective of the world of work. The surplus value of the World Commission’s Report, which WCL welcomes, lies particularly in the fact that it suggests actions to advance towards a fairer globalization...It is a critical and balanced document that results from a consensus. The richness of the report largely derives from the association of personalities from so many different circles, even if it does not propose a real alternative model to the present development paradigm”.

- **Sir Roy Trotman, Vice-Chair of the ILO Governing Body and Chair of the ILO Workers’ Group**

“This wave of globalization is not something that we can wish away by anything that we might seek to do; that is a fact. It is also a fact that globalization has brought with it much suffering, and pain and anguish. But what is also a fact is that this was not, as we understand it, the intention of the framers of the economic order. Nor, indeed, may I say, was it the intention of the organizers and planners of the World Bank and the IMF. The World Commission’s work seeks to put this contradiction into perspective. It seeks to put forward a body of recommendations to reverse the pattern...to make globalization a force for positive change.”

- **Mr. Ulf Edström, Head International department, LO-Sweden and Swedish workers delegate to the International Labour Conference**

“One of the most important is the proposal to establish a Globalization Policy Forum among all relevant international organizations, to secure a fairer globalization with focus on the social effects. In our experience a coherent policy is necessary not only at national level but also at international level. Secondly, we strongly support the request by the World Commission that all these international organizations should respect and actively promote the core international labour standards, which constitute the basic human rights in working life.”

g) National Economic and Social Councils

- **Mr. Jacques Dermagne, Président de l’Association internationale des Conseils économiques et sociaux et institutions similaires (AICESIS)** (lettre en date du 1er juin 2004)

“Je vous confirme qu’à l’unanimité, les Conseils économiques et sociaux ont décidé...de s’approprier en quelque sorte les conclusions du rapport sur la dimension sociale de la mondialisation. Ce rapport et les différentes pistes de travail qu’il propose peut être à l’origine d’un véritable dialogue continu entre acteurs économiques et sociaux que l’AICESIS fera tout pour promouvoir. »

h) Civil Society Organizations

- **Mr. Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz, Executive Director, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development,** (letter of 7 June 2004)

“At ICSTD, we consider of great interest the Commission’s debates on the various facets of globalization and its search for innovative ways of combining economic, social and environmental objectives. The broad goals of the Commission in the identification of policies for globalization will certainly be of assistance to the international community and will encourage dialogue on the social dimension of globalization.....We agree with the Commission on the need for equitable rules in areas such as the multilateral trading system, finance, investment and migration, as well as the need to recognizes differences in capacity, diversity and specific development needs at the national level.”

- **Mr. Julian Disney, International Council on Social Welfare, Australia**

“The Commission has provided a wide-ranging, perceptive and balanced assessment of recent trends in globalization, especially the differential impacts between developed and developing countries, and of means for improving its impacts through international cooperation. Some of the most useful proposals concern changes in the structures and processes of international governance to achieve better balances between economic and social considerations, short-term and long-term outcomes, and the rich and the poor.”

- **Mr. Giampiero Alhadeff, Secretary General of Solidar**

“The Commission is right in its analysis and recommendations: decision-making at the global level has developed in an unbalanced way, equipping international institutions dealing in trade and financial matters, with hefty incentives and sanctions at their disposal. Meanwhile, global organisations dealing with social or environmental issues are left in the cold.”

- **Mr. Dragan Nastic, Network Advocacy Officer of BOND, the British-based network of 280 development NGOs**

“Reasserting the UN’s critical role is crucial, as the report repeatedly underlines... Civil society will be supporting its calls for policy coherence all the way.”

- **Mr. John Podesta, President of the Center for American Progress, and Sonal Shah, Associate Director for international and economic policy at the Center for American Progress**

“What passes for debate on international trade these days is more akin to a shouting match between extremists – you’re either totally for it, or totally against it; it’s either a panacea that will deliver all the world from poverty, or a scourge unleashed on the world by a money-hungry elite.... Into these muddy waters steps the grandly-titled World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, which recently released a major report that sets the stage for a real and reasoned trade debate and the emergence of a progressive trade agenda that combines the benefits of open markets and the need for economic justice... At a time when America needs a vision built on the principle of sharing the benefits of the global economy – at home and abroad – we must recast the trade debate from one of right or wrong, black or white, and all or nothing. It’s time for a new agenda. Domestically, we need to invest in new technologies and education that create jobs, to take advantage of our dynamic economy rather than ensuring more tax cuts for the wealthiest. Internationally, the commission’s report provides a starting point in the search for common ground that can help make globalization a force for the good.”

i) Academics

- **Mr. Boris Kagarlitsky, Director of the Institute of Globalization Studies (Moscow)**

“The Report rightly says that the globalization process can be managed. I am deeply convinced that all processes, even objective ones, sooner or later start to slow down, to stop, be reversed and so on. The whole history of mankind proves this. The point in relation to globalization is whether there is a political will and the players - political and social - who would be ready to implement necessary changes at the national and international level, and how radical they would be”.

j) Press

Mr. John Lloyd, Editor of FT Weekend Section

“A Fair Globalization is a serious slab of a report and a serious stab at shifting world priorities from ‘a narrow preoccupation with markets to a broader preoccupation with people.”

Dar al hayat (Lebanon)

“The Commission serves a noble cause of allowing developing or Third World countries to benefit from Globalization.”

The Hindu

“The Commission’s report will have done its job if it can start a debate, for this is the only way in which the journey to a fair and inclusive Globalization can begin.”

The Toronto Star

“The great challenge of the new century is to find ways in which a growing global population can live together peacefully and a higher standard of living can be brought to the great mass of the world’s poor. This broader vision is to be found in the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, released this week.”

The Washington Times

“The Commission says the social dynamics of globalization often are disregarded by governments and institutions and that steps need to be taken to incorporate social issues into the public debate. But Bill Murray, spokesman for the International Monetary Fund, argued that social development has been considered by the IMF and documents such as the United Nations Millennium Declaration, a broad mission statement issued by the world body to mark the new millennium. ‘It’s pretty clear in recent years that social development takes a prominent role,” he said.”

Mr. William Pfaff, Newspaper Columnist

“The ideology of globalization, a branch of market ideology, justifies this with the (utopian) argument that universalizing the western economic system is a part of a larger process that is creating an eventual universal civilization benefiting all. If you believe this, you are reassured that all of the social instabilities and cultural destruction globalization has produced will eventually be justified by the wonders of the new world that will come at the end. This, as the British scholar John Gray has said, is capitalism’s version of Marxism. It holds that market mechanisms provide a dialectical process by which historical progress will naturally – and indeed automatically, if not interfered with – lead to the perfection of the global economy and thus of global society. Like Marxism, this is a wholly materialistic ideology. It assumes that progress consists of material advancement, and human fulfilment is to be found in possessions and wealth. Yet as Gray also says, the idea that market freedoms are natural and political restraints on markets are artificial is myth. ‘The truth is that free markets are creatures of state power, and persist only so long as the state is able to prevent human needs for security and the control of economic risk from finding political expression.’ This is the reality that makes it urgent to temper the processes of international economic development with social justice, of the kind demanded by the analysis made by the ILO-sponsored Commission.”

Mr. Beethoven Herrera, Organización Regional Interamericana de Trabajadores , syndicated regional columnist in South America

“This landmark report includes issues which are not usually found in the process of negotiations of free trade agreements and even in national policies. It is a strong and lucid call to place social cohesion in the centre of development policies. And this very concept of social cohesion is key to avoid regional imbalances as you can observe within rich countries like Mexico and Brazil. This is not new, but the report sheds a new light in understanding the imbalances in the era of globalization and offers new ideas on how to start to solve them.”

Ms. Marienella Ortiz, La República (Perú)

“The findings of the Report of the World Commission are categorical: they unveil the huge inequities created by a globalization “running wild”, without compass, without soul and basically concerned on economic and commercial aspects of life.”

Mr. Jorge Coarsa, Venezuela Analítica, Syndicated

“A fairer globalization is hard, but not impossible; necessary, in any case. The recommendations of the report point to what may represent the two most urgent tasks to redress the imbalances of globalization: to have more effective States capable of assuring an adequate social protection and to achieve good governance. It urges to redefine our national and global institutions in order to achieve a fairer and more inclusive globalization.”