

**Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment
in the Tobacco Sector**Geneva
24-28 February 2003

**Resolution concerning the strengthening of
institutional links and cooperation between
international organizations working on
issues relevant to the tobacco sector**

The Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment in the Tobacco Sector,

Having met in Geneva from 24 to 28 February 2003,

Noting the activities undertaken by the World Health Organization to reduce the demand for tobacco worldwide, in particular, its promotion of a Framework Convention on Tobacco Control which is currently being negotiated by WHO member States;

Noting the activities undertaken by the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control;

Noting the activities undertaken by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to support tobacco control and to persuade governments to adopt policies aimed at demand reduction, in particular policies aimed at diversifying away from tobacco growing;

Noting the activities undertaken by the Food and Agriculture Organization to support the WHO and the World Bank through research on alternative crops;

Considering that within the UN system, the ILO has a unique tripartite structure with workers, employers and governments participating as equal partners in the work of its governing organs;

Considering the ILO's commitment to promote the principle of social dialogue;

Adopts this 28th day of February 2003 the following resolution¹:

The Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment in the Tobacco Sector invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to:

¹ This resolution has not yet been examined by the Governing Body of the ILO in accordance with established procedures and therefore cannot be considered as definitive.

(1) Request the Director-General of the ILO to ensure that social partners are duly consulted and involved in the cooperation of the ILO with UN agencies, the WHO, the Bretton Woods Institutions and other relevant multilateral institutions in order to ensure that employment and social impact will be adequately addressed and recognized when adopting policies regarding this sector.