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**Introductory Statement on The Report of the Director-General on  
ILO Activities in Africa 2000 - 2003**

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Chairperson,

The Director-General,

Distinguished Delegates,

Distinguished ILO Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great pleasure for me to present this brief introduction to the Director-General's Report on ILO Activities in Africa for 2000-2003. This Report is one of the 2 major reports being presented to this ILO Tenth African Regional Meeting. My introductory Statement is being kept short deliberately in order to enable delegates have more ample time for the discussion of the report, which has been distributed in good time.

The report is a follow-up document to the Thematic Report of the Director-General presented to the Ninth ILO African Regional Meeting, titled Decent Work and Protection for all in Africa. As you may recall, the Ninth Regional Meeting concluded that the 4 strategic objectives of the ILO Decent Work Agenda, are particularly relevant to the needs and problems of African countries. The 4 strategic objectives are as follows:

- Promote and realize standards and fundamental principles and rights at work;
- Create greater opportunities for women and men to secure decent employment and income;
- Enhance the coverage and effectiveness of social protection for all; and
- Strengthen tripartism and social dialogue

This Report of the Director-General on ILO Activities in Africa, gives us an opportunity to reflect on our achievements in realising the ILO Decent Work Agenda priorities in Africa during the 2000-2003 period. This process of reflection should also enable us to shape up future ILO activities in Africa.

Chairperson,

While striving to implement the Decent Work Agenda in Africa over these past 4 years, a number of new important development frameworks have emerged both at the global and African scene, of which we should take proper notice. Of particular importance for Africa, is the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) which inter-alia focuses on the following issues:

