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The Tripartite Constituents Join Hands to Soften the Blow of HIV/AIDS

COLOMBO (ILO news): The Tripartite constituents in a historic move will sign a **National Tripartite Declaration on Prevention of HIV/AIDS in Workplaces in Sri Lanka** at 5.00pm today at the Ministry of Labour Relations & Manpower. The Declaration was a result of several consultations and meetings the Ministry of Labour Relations & Manpower had with Employers' Organizations and Trade Unions facilitated by the ILO. The Declaration endorses the guidelines of the ILO Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS in the World of Work.

Representing the tripartite constituents eighteen signatories from the Ministries of Labour Relations & Manpower, Health & Nutrition, Women's Empowerment, Vocational Training and Skills Development, Department of Labour, Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, Board of Investment, Employers Federation, Chamber of Commerce, National Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Tourist Hotels Association, Ceylon Federation of Trade Unions, Ceylon Workers Congress, Lanka Jathika Estate Workers Union, Jathika Sevaka Sangamaya, National Workers Congress and the Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya will sign the Declaration. By signing this Declaration the relevant Government Ministries and institutions, employers' organisations and trade unions commit to establish HIV/AIDS prevention programmes in workplaces and ensure zero tolerance of stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS, both in the public and private sectors.

The signing of the Tripartite Declaration will be followed by a media briefing.

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