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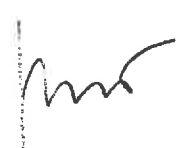
Following exploratory discussions among ambassadors and the ILO Director-General Guy Ryder on 8 July at the Permanent Mission of Belgium, we are pleased to extend to you an invitation to participate in the informal **Group of Friends of Decent Work for Sustainable Development** that will be formed by interested UN Member States. The core objective of the Group is to mobilize and coordinate political and technical support to advance issues surrounding employment, decent work and social protection within the post-2015 sustainable development framework.

The Group seeks to create a limited engagement for UN Member States interested in promoting decent work in the upcoming negotiations during the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly with a short series of high-level meetings occurring at strategic intervals throughout the coming year as post-2015 deliberations continue until September 2015. The Group will begin its work in September 2014 through preliminary consultations with participants to discuss modalities and develop a programme of work.

Attached for your review, kindly find draft Terms of Reference for the Group, including a proposed timeline of several working meetings to be held during the next year. In the event you would be interested in participating in the Group, we ask that you please make your interest known to Ms. Kathelijne Cooreman at [kathelijne.cooreman@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:kathelijne.cooreman@diplobel.fed.be). Future correspondence regarding the date and venue for the initial September 2014 meeting would follow this letter next month.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

  
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