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Excellency,

We are pleased to invite you to the second meeting of the **Group of Friends of Decent Work for Sustainable Development**, to take place on **2 February 2015**, from **1:15 to 2.30 pm**, at the **Permanent Mission of Romania** to the United Nations (573-577 3rd Avenue (& 38th Street), New York 10016).

The Group of Friends, co-chaired by Angola and Belgium, was launched on 23 September 2014 and its core objective 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 agenda. Its second meeting is organized at the occasion of the 53rd session of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD) and will be hosted by the Permanent Representative of Romania to the UN, H.E. Ambassador Simona Mirela Miculescu, in her capacity of Chair of the CSocD.

The Group will welcome as guest speaker Mr. Gilbert Hougbo, ILO's Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships and former Prime Minister of Togo, who will brief us on the implementation of the targets related to employment and decent work for all.

In addition, leading global experts in the area of Social Protection, members of the Social Protection Interagency Coordination – Board (SPIAC), will be invited to discuss the implementation and monitoring of the proposed targets on social protection as framed in the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

The Social Protection experts will tackle the possible social protection indicators, costing estimations associated with the extension of social protection floors and means of implementation, followed by interactive exchanges among participants. The meeting will help us enhance understanding on the level of ambition, feasibility, measurability and implementation of the social protection targets, drawing on the latest knowledge and information available and on concrete successful experiences.

RSVP to Ms. Kathelijne Cooreman at the Belgian Mission (kathelijne.cooreman@diplobel.fed.be).

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

H.E. Mrs. Bénédicte Frankinet
Ambassador, PR of Belgium

H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu
Ambassador, PR of Romania

H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins
Ambassador, PR of Angola