

GB 340/POL/4 Sectoral meetings in 2020 and proposals for sectoral work in 2021

IMEC Statement

This statement is made on behalf of IMEC.

IMEC takes note of the Report on the Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport, held in January 2020 to discuss current and emerging issues related to the promotion of decent work in the world of sport.

IMEC notes that the meeting in adopting the points for consensus agreed that sport is a key enabler for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. The working conditions of athletes vary across regions and sport disciplines, between team and individual sports, and within a wide spectrum. Policies to address decent work in sport need an innovative approach to reflect the diversity of sport. There is no one-size-fits-all. In addition, IMEC welcomes the consensus that the Office, Governments, employers' and workers' organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, each within their own responsibilities, should, through a range of actions, create an enabling environment to promote decent work in the world of sport.

With these comments, IMEC supports the decision point at 18 (a) and (b).

Taking account of the travel limitations during the COVID 19 pandemic which has led to the postponement of the programme of sectoral meetings for 2020-21, IMEC welcomes the Office proposal to hold tripartite consultations in November, following the GB, to discuss and agree upon a process to address the meeting backlog. In that context, IMEC agrees that should it still be possible to organise an additional sectoral meeting in the 2020-21 biennium which requires a lighter than usual preparatory stage. It could be on the topic of either the protection of whistle-blowers in the public service for which preparatory research has been undertaken, or another sectoral issue, and supports decision point 18 (d) as amended.

IMEC also welcomes the refocus of the Office's sectoral work to providing support to constituents' efforts to respond to the pandemic. Cognisant that its effect differs greatly from sector to sector, the Office in preparing 17 sectorial briefs has highlighted existing ILO instruments available to assist in sustaining enterprises and protecting workers. In addition, it developed important specific guidance and checklists to prevent and control COVID 19 in a range of sectors including agriculture, education, health services and shipping. IMEC also welcomes the proactive engagement and leadership shown by the ILO to address the pandemic through its partnerships with other UN agencies and across the wider multilateral system. Thus, we support the decision point 18 (c) as amended.

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