Resolution concerning efforts to facilitate the transition from the informal to the formal economy

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization, meeting at its 104th Session, 2015,

Having adopted the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015,

Recognizing the crucial role of transition to the formal economy for inclusive, social, economic and environmental development and for realizing decent work for all,

Mindful that the success of the Recommendation will depend upon its effective promotion and implementation,

Acknowledging the specific national contexts and priorities for the transition to the formal economy;

1. Invites governments, employers and workers jointly to give full effect to the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation.

2. Invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to request the Director-General to develop a strategy and action plan for promoting and supporting the implementation of the Recommendation, including through:

   (a) allocation of resources within the existing and forthcoming programmes and budgets and mobilization of extra-budgetary resources to carry out the work with the tripartite constituents to give effect to the Recommendation;

   (b) awareness-raising initiatives, promotional materials and appropriate technical assistance to constituents in giving effect to the policies and measures of the Recommendation including through Decent Work Country Programmes;

   (c) the introduction of a new regular discussion point, as appropriate, in the agenda of the next cycles of ILO Regional Meetings and other ILO forums on action taken by the Office and ILO constituents to implement the Recommendation with a view to updating and facilitating the sharing of knowledge, information and good practices on the transition from the informal to the formal economy;

   (d) building the capacity of governments and employers’ and workers’ organizations to enable them to design, implement and evaluate national policies and programmes to facilitate the transition to the formal economy;

   (e) supporting national dialogue processes on the design, implementation and monitoring of national integrated policy frameworks to facilitate the transition to the formal economy; and

   (f) promoting cooperation and partnerships with relevant international organizations to support the development of policies and initiatives to facilitate the transition from the informal to the formal economy.

3. Invites the Governing Body to request regular reports from member States under article 19 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as part of the existing reporting mechanisms, in particular General Surveys, and to review the progress made in the implementation of this Recommendation.

1 Adopted on 12 June 2015.