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Dear Madam Chairperson,

I acknowledge receipt with thanks of your letter dated April 18, 2016 related to the appointment of the Director-General of the ILO.

In my capacity as Worker Vice-Chairperson of the ILO Governing Body and on behalf of the Workers' Group I have the honour to nominate Mr Guy Ryder for the position of Director-General of the ILO.

In the attached statement Mr Ryder provides his vision for the Organization and the future direction he would pursue in his second mandate.

Mr Ryder brings in more than three decades of experience in the world of work, mostly at international level and in a leadership position. As current Director-General of the ILO, Mr Ryder has shown his commitment to the ILO mandate to promote social justice in a world of work that is changing rapidly and facing many challenges. To achieve this, he has put in place a process of internal reform aimed at ensuring higher levels of quality and efficiency in ILO work coupled with a budgetary and programming policy that has resulted in recognised positive results, while work has to continue in those areas where reform is incomplete, as outlined in his vision statement.

Several partnerships in and outside the UN system have been developed since Mr Ryder took office in 2012. Amongst them, one can mention the success of placing decent work at the core of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda which shows the recognition given to the ILO by the international community.

The current Director-General did not hesitate to take initiatives and stimulate constituents to resolve the severe crisis that arose at the 2012 Conference Committee on the Application of Standards. And he did so always recognizing the central importance of international labour standards for the ILO's mandate. Mr Ryder has also shown his capacity to listen to the tripartite constituents in order to better respond to their needs and have them better involved in the work of the ILO and decision-making of its governance organs.

The 2017-2022 mandate will bring the ILO to its centenary of existence and beyond. Already now the ILO is facing the future, for instance with topical issues such as migration and global supply chains and with the Centenary and Future of Work Initiatives.

In the words of Guy Ryder: *“The ILO’s mandate to strive for a better future for all in the world of work requires it: to set a firm strategic course for the Organization on the basis of current knowledge and circumstances; to understand and anticipate the transformational drivers of change which are already in operation; and to be ready to respond rapidly to events and challenges which cannot reasonably be predicted.”*

Mr Ryder’s commitment to the ILO’s quest for social justice is clearly reflected in current ILO work and is confirmed for the future in his statement: *“...the ILO, more than any other, will rightly be judged by what we do for the weakest and most disadvantaged, for those in poverty, without work, without opportunity, prospects or hope, for those suffering denial of fundamental rights and freedoms. For them our efforts must be redoubled.”*

Madam Chairperson, I am convinced that the achievements of Mr Ryder during his first term prove that he is the candidate responding to the requirements needed for this important function. He has the capacities to lead the International Labour Organization and to meet the challenges facing this unique tripartite Organization in the lead up to its centenary.

This nomination is accompanied by the required documentation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luc Cortebeeck', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Luc Cortebeeck
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