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Hon'ble Chair, Madam

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the representatives of governments, employers and workers of different countries attending in the ILO 109th conference. We all have met here with a view to discuss and to take decisions on the issues relating present pandemic Covid- 19, Decent Work, Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, Sustainable Development Goals, Social Dialogue and Tripartism and Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work etc.

The whole world has come to standstill today due to the global pandemic Covid-19. Due to the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Government has provided cash incentives to all workers for smooth production, marketing and marketing process and the industries is in compliance with the hygiene rules.

However, workers in the informal sector are most at risk. The government is already providing cash incentives to the workers working in the informal sector to keep the wheel of socio-economic and livelihood in motion.

The Government, Employers and Workers are always trying to keep the workers' workplace and active work through the Crisis Management Committee. We think that responsibility to tackle global epidemics including Covid-19 from international platforms.

We have to make sure that humanity does not lose to capital. In this case, the issue of social security has been strongly highlighted Labour Act through a tripartite committee in Bangladesh.

I would like to mention, our labour friendly Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina under whose directives we have been able to ensure workers' rights in Bangladesh especially in upgrading labour related Laws and policies. Under her leadership, the government has taken some positive decisions to simplify trade union registration. We, as a part of Tripartite Consultative Council, are working closely with the government to consider our other demands in the labour laws amendment.

The Tripartite Consultative Council has already made major amendments to the Labour Act on issues related to the interests of workers, including trade unions, Decent Work, Green Job, Social Security, Compensation, formalization of the informal economy, and Job Security Provisions. We hope that a statement from the Government of Bangladesh will be sent to the ILO soon.

Contractual jobs have also been created in Bangladesh through third parties under the name of outsourcing. The main workplace has been compressed through this practice. We are working to stop this kind of outsourcing practice. I hope the ILO will play a leading role to stop the outsourcing system.

Finally, I would like to say firmly that we are working to uphold the legal rights of the people, socio-economic security, livelihood security, fair use, mutual harmony.

Thank you Madam Chair.