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Report of the Working Party on the New Social Contract for Our Common Agenda

► Introduction

1. At its 349th Session (October–November 2023), the Governing Body decided to establish a Working Party on the New Social Contract for Our Common Agenda to prepare a tripartite input to the 2025 World Social Summit. At its 350th Session (March 2024), the Governing Body agreed on the modalities and the road map of the Working Party.¹
2. The 16 members of the tripartite Working Party on the New Social Contract for Our Common Agenda were appointed in April 2024, including the Governments of China, Colombia, France, Islamic Republic of Iran, Gabon, Malawi, Spain, and the United States of America and four representatives from each of the two non-governmental groups. The list of members can be found in Appendix II.
3. The Working Party held three meetings, on 26 April, 21 May, and 8 June. At the first meeting the Worker and Employer Vice-Chairpersons were elected. At the second meeting, the Government representative of Colombia was elected Chairperson of the Working Party. The Report of the Chairperson of the Working Party, in Appendix I, provides a summary of the three meetings.

¹ GB.350/INS/6 and GB.350/INS/6(Add.1).

4. From 4 to 12 June, the Report of the Director-General entitled *Towards a renewed social contract* was discussed in plenary sittings of the 112th Session of the International Labour Conference, where tripartite constituents provided comments and feedback.
5. In the same context, on 7 June, a strategic dialogue took place with the two co-facilitators of the intergovernmental preparatory process leading to the Second World Summit for Social Development, His Excellency Ambassador Philippe Kridelka of Belgium, and His Excellency Ambassador Omar Hilale of Morocco. This dialogue provided an opportunity for the tripartite constituents to exchange views with the co-facilitators, focusing on the ongoing discussions regarding the modality resolution of the Summit.
6. On 8 June, the third meeting of the Working Party on the New Social Contract for Our Common Agenda concluded that it was not in a position to reach agreement on a draft statement forming the basis of a tripartite input to the Second World Summit for Social Development and agreed to continue the discussion with a view to the 352nd Session (October–November 2024) of the Governing Body.

► Draft decision

7. **The Governing Body, in accordance with the agreed road map:**
 - (a) **requested the Director-General to transmit to the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental preparatory process leading up to the Second World Summit for Social Development in 2025, his report entitled *Towards a renewed social contract*;**
 - (b) **instructed the Working Party to prepare the draft key messages of the tripartite input to the 2025 Summit, for approval at its 352nd Session (October–November 2024).**

► Appendix I

Report of the Chairperson of the Working Party on the New Social Contract for Our Common Agenda

1. After its composition was finalized, the Working Party held three meetings, on 26 April, 21 May and 8 June.
2. At the first meeting, held on 26 April, the Worker and Employer Vice-Chairpersons were elected. The decision-making process was agreed upon, and it was decided that no observers would be allowed to attend the meetings of the Working Party.
3. The Office and the members of the Working Party exchanged information and views on the modalities resolution for the Second World Summit for Social Development that is currently under negotiation at the United Nations in New York.
4. The Office was asked to prepare a first draft statement for consideration at the next meeting.
5. At the second meeting, held on 21 May, Colombia was elected to chair the Working Party.
6. The members discussed progress in respect of the modalities resolution for the Summit. It was considered important that the Working Party be kept fully informed of the discussions taking place in New York, and the Government members were kindly requested to remain in regular contact with their permanent missions in New York for that purpose.
7. There was a discussion on the draft statement that had been prepared by the Office on the basis of the discussions held at the 349th Session (October–November 2023) and 350th Session (March 2024) of the Governing Body and at the Working Party's first meeting. The Office reported that it had not received any joint inputs, either from the social partners or from governments. The members agreed that the text was a good basis for further work, and they provided comments and suggestions for the preparation of the second draft.
8. There was an exchange of views on the concept of the social contract, with the majority of members supporting its inclusion in the tripartite statement to be approved by the Governing Body at its 351st Session (June 2024), with a view to informing the negotiation process in New York.
9. The Office was tasked with preparing a second draft to be considered at the next meeting. The Office received a written contribution from the Asia and Pacific group on the first draft statement and the social partners expressed their interest in providing joint inputs.
10. At its third meeting, held on 8 June, the Working Party exchanged views on the strategic dialogue with the co-facilitators of the Second World Summit for Social Development, which had taken place on 7 June. The Working Party was informed that Switzerland had withdrawn its offer to host the Summit, and that a new offer had been submitted by Qatar. The members of the Working Party agreed on the special role that the ILO should play in the preparations for and outcome of the Summit and on the importance of continuing to coordinate actively with the permanent missions in New York in this regard.
11. There was also a discussion on the second draft that had been prepared by the Office on the basis of the discussions at the Working Party's second meeting, as no joint inputs had been received from the social partners. Given the nature of the different views expressed during the

discussion, it was impossible to reach agreement on the text in the limited time that was available.

12. The members of the Working Party agreed to continue the discussion to try to identify the key messages that will constitute the tripartite input to be submitted to the Governing Body at its 352nd Session (October–November 2024) for approval. Meetings will take place in the summer, on dates to be determined.
13. France presented its tripartite contribution to the Social Summit.
14. Spain shared details of its initiative towards a Global Charter of Labour Rights.
15. I thank the Office for its support and assistance. You can rest assured that we will continue to do our utmost to reach an agreement that reflects the positions of the constituents in a tripartite spirit.

► Appendix II

Members of the Working Party on the New Social Contract for Our Common Agenda

Government members

China	Mr Si GAO
Colombia	Mr Ramón MUÑOZ CASTRO, Chairperson
France	Ms Catherine BOBKO
Gabon	Mr Ferdinand MANGONGO
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mr Gholamhossein HOSSEININIA
Malawi	Ms Lindizga MTEGHA-KAWAMBA
Spain	Mr Alfredo NOVALES BILBAO
United States of America	Mr Adam LEE

Employer members

Ms Renate HORNUNG-DRAUS, Germany, Employer Vice-Chairperson
 Mr Khelil GHARIANI, Tunisia
 Ms Laura GIMENEZ, Argentina
 Mr Atul SOBTI, India

Worker members

Ms Catelene PASSCHIER, the Netherlands, Worker Vice-Chairperson
 Ms Zingiswa LOSI, South Africa
 Mr Satyajeet REDDY GONGOLLA, India
 Mr Jeff VOGT, United States of America
