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Mr.
Matthew Wilson
Chairperson of the ILO Governing Body
Geneva. –

I have the honour of writing to you in response to your kind letter dated 15 April 2026, in which you informed us of the call for nominations for the post of Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the term 2027–2032, in the elections to be held during the 358th Session of the Governing Body in Geneva in November 2026.

In this regard, I am honoured to present, on behalf of the Government of Peru, the nomination of Mr. Javier González-Olaechea Franco, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru and holder of a PhD in Political Science. I believe that his impeccable professional and academic record – which has, without a doubt, cemented his international reputation – is complemented by his outstanding managerial and leadership skills, qualities which, I am sure, will contribute significantly to the effective leadership of the Organisation.

Mr González-Olaechea has represented Peru in numerous organisations, whilst successfully conducting negotiations and securing the signing of numerous international and inter-institutional instruments with States and international organisations. He has also served as a senior official at the International Labour Office for two decades, amongst other high-level posts of great significance in coordinating efforts in Peru and other countries.

In his proposal to lead the ILO, Mr. González-Olaechea offers a holistic view and an understanding of the challenges facing the world of work, placing his vast and recognised experience and his negotiating skills at the service of the Organisation to guide it, whilst sharing values and principles for a life with dignity. He is firmly committed to renewing without dividing, reforming without weakening, and anticipating in order to protect.

In this context, should he be elected, his leadership will help to strengthen the Organisation's effective work, prioritising the necessary consensus.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest and most distinguished regard.

Alfonso Carlos Espá y Garcés-Alvear
Peruvian Minister for Foreign Affairs