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LUSAKA COMMUNIQUÉ ON ENDING MODERN SLAVERY

We, the participants of the Sub-regional Tripartite Conference on the Ratification and Implementation of the ILO Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, in Lusaka, Zambia, on November 17-18, 2015, stand united in the fight against forced labour and related practices.

We recall that in June 2014, governments, employers and workers at the ILO International Labour Conference (ILC) decided to give new impetus to the global fight against forced labour, including trafficking in persons and slavery-like practices. The tripartite constituents voted overwhelmingly to adopt a Protocol and a Recommendation to supplement the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), by providing further guidance on effective measures to be taken to eliminate all forms of forced labour.

We commend the launch of the ILO 50forfreedom campaign, in partnership with the International Organization of Employers (IOE) and International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). This campaign aims to mobilize public support and influence at least 50 countries to ratify the Protocol by 2018.

We acknowledge that most African countries have already ratified Convention No. 29, making them eligible for the ratification of the Protocol.

Therefore, we call for the immediate ratification of the forced labour Protocol.

We recognize that the Protocol confirms the obligations existing under Convention No. 29 to suppress forced or compulsory labour, including as an end result of human trafficking.

We also recall that the legally binding Protocol includes measures for prevention, protection and remedies designed to eliminate contemporary forms of slavery.

The accompanying Recommendation No. 203 on supplementary measures for the effective suppression of forced or compulsory labour provides further normative guidance on how to give effect to obligations under Convention No. 29, as well as its accompanying Protocol.

We commend the Government of the Republic of Niger for being the first ILO member State to have ratified the Protocol. In the same light, we commend the commitment of His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, the President of the Republic of Zambia, to champion the ratification of the Protocol, as well as 50forfreedom.

We reiterate and stand united in our commitment to the Decent Work Agenda of the ILO.

Adopted in Lusaka, Zambia, on 18 November 2015