

# Transcript of speech by ILO Director-General Juan Somavia:

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As we look forward, we can take great strength in the success of key ideas we developed together in recent years, that were so heavily informed and shaped by your discussions. The decent work agenda now accepted as a global goal and a global agenda the objective of working out of poverty to put the Millennium Development Goals on the right track; and the need for a fair globalization that fully considers its social dimensions, which is today accepted as a common sense approach.

ILO tripartism was in the lead in lifting these concepts to the world stage and into national priorities. But we cannot be complacent about our multilateral success. There are still too many decent work deficits in the world, too many children working, too many workers facing anti-union policies, too many small enterprises unable to share in the benefits of growth, too many labour and social ministries understaffed and underfunded, too many places where social dialogue is stifled.

And certainly a long way to go from achieving a fair globalization.