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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE  
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the International Labour Organization (ILO) and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the communication dated 15 September 2023 regarding the special sessions of the Governing Body and to highlight the following points:

The Permanent Mission on behalf of the Government of Türkiye expresses its firm support for the inclusive approach presented by Switzerland and the Employers' Group for the forthcoming special meetings of the Governing Body. Specifically, the Permanent Mission reiterates its support for the proposal that special meetings be convened in the format of a Committee of the Whole, allowing non-Governing Body members to actively participate and express their views on the critical matter concerning ILO Convention No. 87. The Permanent Mission strongly believes that this approach aligns with the principles of transparency, representation, and dialogue, which are essential for the effective functioning of the ILO.

Furthermore, the Permanent Mission welcomes the request for a special meeting addressing the inclusion of a standard-setting item regarding the right to strike in the agenda of the 112th Session of the International Labour Conference which can play a crucial role in addressing this long-lasting dispute through constructive social dialogue within the ILO. The primary objective of such a special meeting should be to facilitate the endorsement of a Protocol associated with Convention No. 87, encompassing the topics of the right to strike and broader industrial actions. Therefore, this Protocol would establish clear and authoritative guidelines and serve as the definitive instrument for delineating precise and authoritative parameters governing the scope and limitations of the right to strike within the overarching framework of Convention No. 87, thereby ultimately resolving the ongoing disagreement.

In this regard, The Permanent Mission kindly requests the ILO to circulate this Note Verbal to all ILO member states as well as to the Governing Body of the ILO.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Labour Organization, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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