

STATEMENT
GOVERNMENT OF LITHUANIA
WORKING PARTY ON THE GB AND ILC REFORM

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I am speaking on behalf of Lithuanian government.

Chair, we fully align with the statement made by the IMEC group. At the same time, we would like to stress several points that are of a great concern to us. Switzerland also shares the same views.

We are confident that reinforcement of a strong and credible ILO as well as it's relevance in the long term in the spirit of the 2008 Declaration is crucial. We believe that the improvement of the governance is one of the key issues for the debate in this Working group and it might be reached through flexible and efficient structures only.

It seems for us that this Working Party has a double work load. It faces solid challenges. First of all great consideration should be given for a set of decisions that haven't been implemented yet. A timely and effective implementation of the decisions is important. This would allow us to achieve tangible results and prevent any failures in the future.

Second, we believe that Working Party has to discuss the reform of the Governing Body in light of the requirements posed by the XXI century. The challenges caused

by the economic crisis constitute the momentum for a comprehensive change. We expect this reform could go far beyond the repetition of the decisions taken/issues identified several years ago. We should think of potential new structures and working methods for the Governing Body. We hope that ILO constituents will stay open to wide range of approaches seeking to find the best one.

Thank you, Chair.