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Launching of Jordan Decent Work Country Programme and Moving Towards a Child Labour Free Jordan Project

Beirut/Amman (ILO News) – The International Labour Organization (ILO) through its Regional Office for Arab States is launching the second Decent Work Country Programme for Jordan through an official ceremony on Sunday 11 March 2012 at the Landmark Hotel in Amman* .

This ceremony will take place in the presence of the ILO tripartite constituents in Jordan H.E. Dr. Maher Al-Waked, Minister of Labour, Mr. Mazen Al-Ma'ayteh, President of General Federation of Jordanian Trade Union, and Dr. Hatem Al-Halwani, President of Jordan Chamber of Industry, and Ms. Nada Al-Nashif Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Arab States.

The ILO prepared the Global Jobs Pact (GJP) Country Scan Report in November 2010. Building on the results of the Global Jobs Pact exercise, ILO ROAS launched a series of consultations between May-September 2011. This led to the second Decent Work Country Programme for the period 2012-2015 that articulates the strategic framework for ILO interventions at the national level.

The ILO will work closely with the tripartite partners to advance the national employment agenda and enhance access to decent work opportunities. The DWCP represents the common commitment of the Government, Workers' and Employers' organizations and the ILO to collaborate on specific objectives in the area of employment promotion, rights at work, social protection and social dialogue, using a results-based approach. The goal of the DWCP is to support national initiatives aimed at reducing decent work deficits, and strengthening national capacity to mainstream decent work in social and economic policies. The DWCP will focus on the following three priorities:

* Agenda is the attached.

PRIORITY 1: Decent work opportunities for young Jordanian men and women are expanded through the promotion of better working conditions, non-discrimination and equal rights at work.

PRIORITY 2: A minimum level of social security is extended to the most vulnerable groups of society through the social protection floor, as part of a more comprehensive social security system in Jordan.

PRIORITY 3: Employment opportunities are enhanced, with focus on youth employment.

Parallel to the launching of the new DWCP, the ILO will also launch the project “**Moving towards a Child Labour Free Jordan**”. This project is a key element of the new Decent Work Country Programme and is built on the premise that the twin goals of eradicating child labour and enforcing the right to education for all are achievable in Jordan within a relatively short time frame. This project will help design and develop action to address child labour in Jordan based on relevant policy and legislative frameworks and build the requisite capacities to underpin and sustain this action. The project engages various stakeholders at different levels in designing and implementing its work plan through the participation of relevant government ministries, national and international organisations, UN agencies, civil society organisations and social partners in the National Child Labour Committee and its Technical Committee both chaired and administered by the Ministry of Labour.

The project aims at achieving its goals through the four main strategies.

- ❖ Establishing a comprehensive Child Labour Monitoring Systems (CLMS) to serve as a coordination to improve reporting, referral and follow-up.
- ❖ Enhancing the existing knowledge base on child labour, occupational safety and health and youth employment to guide future policy development.
- ❖ Building institutional capacity to support the implementation of the National Framework on Child Labour, including through a tripartite, inter-ministerial and inter-agency Technical Committee on Child Labour.
- ❖ Advocating for mainstreaming child labour and youth employment concerns into national development policy frameworks.

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