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### **Memorandum of Understanding between the International Labour Organization and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),

Acknowledging their long-standing cooperation and the arrangements for their relations, as approved by the OECD Council and the ILO Governing Body;

Having regard, as far as the OECD is concerned, to the principles laid down by the Decision of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation of 3 June 1948, reiterated by a Decision of 5 August 1948 and a Resolution of 13 January 1956, and confirmed by the Resolution of the OECD Council on Relations between the Organisation and the International Labour Organization of 19 December 1961;

Having regard, as far as the ILO is concerned, to the decision of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 131st Session, March 1956, (G.B. 131/205, paragraph 89) concerning the Text of Conclusions in Official Bulletin, Vol. XXXIX, 1956, No. 10, at 614, confirmed by G:B.148/I.O:/D.3/2 (February–March 1961) concerning the exchange of letters between the OECD Secretary-General and the ILO Director-General of 27 July 1961;<sup>1</sup>

Having regard to the Agreement for Cooperation on the Measurement of Societal Progress (the Statistical Cooperation Agreement) signed on 28 September 2009;

Determined to develop and strengthen their cooperation in order to benefit from complementarities while avoiding needless duplication and overlapping;

Convinced of the mutual benefit of expanded cooperation as an efficient and effective means to achieving their shared objectives, including monitoring and assessing economic and employment situations and the impact of labour market and social policies, in particular in situations of financial crisis, fostering a sustainable, inclusive and balanced growth model, and ensuring policy coherence as requested by inter alia the G8/G14 Social Summit in Rome and the G20 London and Pittsburgh Summits in 2009;

Recalling the Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization adopted by the International Labour Conference in June 2008 urging the ILO to invite international and regional organizations to contribute, within their respective mandates, to the implementation of the integrated approach to decent work for all women and men;

Assigning high priority to providing concrete responses to the impact of the financial and economic crisis, as well as joint work developed in the context of the G20, including through the ILO's Global Jobs Pact and the OECD's Strategic Response to the Financial and Economic Crisis and the Employment Outlook;

Recognising the need to increase policy coherence among public international organizations and the need to increase the impact of the organisations' advice.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's note: In 1961, the ILO Governing Body was informed of the upcoming creation of the OECD as successor to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, concerning which the OECD and the ILO entered into an exchange of letters to retain the pre-existing arrangement of relations.

Agree to maintain and enhance their cooperation as follows:

*I. Purpose and scope*

1. The ILO and the OECD will endeavour to strengthen their cooperation and coordination in fields of common interest and activity, including but not limited to:

- (a) contributions to the G20, G8 and similar fora;
- (b) policies aimed at ensuring a jobs-rich economic recovery, including those to enhance the functioning of the labour market and job opportunities for vulnerable groups, job search programmes, education and training, and social protection schemes in combination with incentives to work;
- (c) employment and social protection, including decent work opportunities for all, especially through labour market and social policies and skills development strategies;
- (d) international labour migration, including policies to foster better integration of migrant workers and their families and policies to produce “win-win” solutions for both sending and receiving countries;
- (e) multinational enterprises and investment policies, including the dissemination, promotion and implementation of their respective instruments concerning multinational enterprises;<sup>1</sup>
- (f) financial awareness and education issues (including inclusion and microfinance) especially as far as they relate to workers and/or are undertaken by enterprises;
- (g) adequacy and sustainability of pension systems, including the role of complementary, private pensions;
- (h) multilateral responses to financial, economic, employment and social crises;
- (i) development policy issues, poverty reduction and MDGs achievement;
- (j) local and regional development, including support to sustainable enterprise development and to the role of local governance in facilitating economic growth, employment, skills development and social protection;
- (k) the effects of a long-term shift towards a low-carbon economy, in particular the impact on the labour market, education and training policy implications, environmental sustainability and the economics of climate change;
- (l) statistical analysis further to the activities under the 2009 Statistical Cooperation Agreement, including by the development of data and indicators as proposed by the Stiglitz Commission on the measurement of economic performance and social progress;
- (m) chemical safety, in particular in the context of the Inter-Organisation Programme for Sound Management of Chemicals;
- (n) trends and developments in occupational radiation protection in the field of nuclear energy;
- (o) policy and statistical issues related to employment and education in tourism.

2. Any activities conducted under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are subject to their inclusion in the Organizations’ respective programme of work and budget and shall be carried out in accordance with their respective rules and practices.

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<sup>1</sup> Notably the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

## *II. Means of cooperation*

1. Both Organizations will aim to achieve their common objectives by various means, including:

- (a) participation in relevant Committees and other bodies, groups or networks, including the relevant OECD Global Forums, in accordance with their respective rules and procedures;
- (b) staff meetings related to topics of mutual interest;
- (c) staff exchanges, where and when appropriate;
- (d) exchange of all relevant information and mutual consultations;
- (e) internal training and awareness raising;
- (f) pilot projects jointly developed on the basis of mutually agreed objectives and modalities;
- (g) cooperation on capacity building and training activities, in particular between the ILO Training Centre in Turin, Italy and the OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development.

### *Participation in meetings and bodies*

2. Each Organization will invite the other to participate in meetings and bodies whenever subjects of mutual interest are on the agenda, in accordance with their rules and procedures. Both Organizations will explore the interest and feasibility of increasing their participation in their respective meetings and bodies.

3. With regard to meetings of OECD bodies, the ILO will continue to be invited to as a regular observer in the OECD Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee and its Working Parties on Migration, Employment and Social Policy, the OECD Health Data National Correspondents as well as the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE). The ILO's participation in other OECD bodies will be reviewed in accordance with the OECD Council Resolution of 19 December 1961 and other relevant rules and procedures.

4. With regard to meeting of ILO bodies, the OECD will continue to be invited to participate in the International Labour Conference and any of its relevant Committees, the ILO Governing Body and its relevant committees.

### *Exchange of information*

5. In accordance with their respective rules of confidentiality and subject to such arrangements as may be necessary to safeguard the status of confidential material available to them, the OECD and the ILO will:

- (a) exchange information, documentation and access to databases on matters of common interest, and
- (b) keep each other informed of developments in the work of their Organizations and of current and planned activities of mutual interest, including for the purpose of identifying areas in which cooperation may prove desirable and for the purpose of preventing needless duplication of work.

### *Consultations and exchange of views*

6. The OECD and the ILO will maintain regular consultations on issues and activities of strategic importance for the purposes of furthering and facilitating the effective achievement of their common objectives with a view to maximizing complementarities and mutual support, and in particular both Organizations will:

- (a) on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with their relevant rules and procedures, provide notice and opportunity to the other Organization to participate in conferences, seminars, or other events of common interest;
- (b) carry out mutual consultations aiming at ensuring the best possible coordination of activities on matters of common interest;
- (c) at least once every other year, conduct a general review of the current activities and programmes of the two Organizations on matters of common concern and of the prospects for future cooperation.

*Working arrangements and activities*

7. Officials of the OECD and the ILO will maintain and expand working contacts and cooperation at all relevant levels, consistently with their respective policies and procedures, to take full advantage of the opportunities to work together and exchange views on areas of joint action.

8. Contacts will continue to be established at working level by relevant staff, depending on the specific area of cooperation. The OECD and the ILO will, in addition, each provide a visitor's desk for a member of the opposite organisation, with the objective of facilitating staff exchanges, where and when appropriate. For matters related to the general institutional cooperation, the designated contact point will be:

- (a) for the OECD: the Director of the Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members, in consultation with the Office of the Secretary-General;
- (b) for ILO: the Chief of the Bureau for External Relations and Partnerships, in consultation with the Office of the Director-General.

*III. Final provisions*

9. The implementation of this MOU, which does not entail any payment obligation, is subject to the procedures, rules and regulations of the respective Organization. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as interfering with independent decision making authority of each Organization.

10. Either Organization can terminate this MOU by providing three months written notice to the other Organization to this effect.

11. Subject to the policies and procedures of ILO and OECD with respect to the disclosure of information, ILO and OECD may make this MOU publicly available.

Signed in Paris on 23 May 2011, in two original copies,

*For the International Labour Organization:*

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*For the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development:*

(Signed) Mr Angel Gurría  
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