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Workers' Group Comments

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Sectoral meetings in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022–23

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The workers' group reaffirms its support to the ILO's sectoral approach and work in the promotion of decent work.

The workers group welcomes the work done by the subsidiary body of the STC to produce consolidated versions of the updated ILO flag State inspection and port State control guidelines.

In relation to Sector recurrent work, we highlight the importance of promoting the ratification and effective implementation of sectoral Conventions and Recommendations, as well as sector-specific codes of practice guidelines and tools. The implementation and follow up to conclusions and recommendations adopted at sectoral meetings should also be prioritized. The follow up work of the collective and tripartite development of sector specific instruments and tools is crucial to improve working conditions and labour relations.

As almost all sectors are organized in global supply chains and face major decent work deficits, particularly through different precarious forms of work and employment arrangements, exacerbated by digitalization and automation, particular attention should be given to sectoral global supply chains, taking into account the guidance provided by the 2016 Conference conclusions on decent work in global supply chains. We welcome the work of the Office in its partnerships with other UN agencies by bringing the labour agenda and ILO normative role and experience. We would like to encourage the Office to develop its work to promote decent work in global supply chains, taking into consideration the evolution of regulation of global supply chains at national and international level.

We welcome the outcomes of the sectoral advisory bodies. We note that the final titles of the meetings will be decided by the Governing body at the later stage, however we would like to recall that the titles and content of the meetings should take into consideration the discussions held during the SABs. The technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector, should include in its title and content the labour dimension and should address the issues of Occupational Safety and Health, social protection and updating skills. Similarly, the technical meeting on a green, sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector, misses a labour dimension and should address working conditions, with a particular emphasis on Occupational Safety and Health. In relation to the meeting on Oil and Gas, the main focus should be on Just Transition.

The workers group would like to recommend that, in line with the SAB discussions, the additional 9th meeting should be dedicated to the manufacturing sector, as both proposals presented on green technology and in the changing patterns in the steel industry, gained tripartite interest.

The workers' group strongly invites the Office to allocate sufficient funds for the follow-up on the SAB recommendations regarding the organization of tripartite regional and national meetings in the sectors of road transport; artisanal and small-scale mining; and on forestry as recurrent and follow up

work of previous sectoral meetings, in line with its conclusions. Further work on railways should also be developed, through regional meetings and research.

We welcome the office proposed schedule for global sectoral meetings 2021, to accommodate all the meetings endorsed by the GB and postponed from 2020 due to travel restrictions, and we encourage the tripartite engagement to achieve substantive results in this year's agenda. We confirm our agreement on the dates proposed in Appendix II, including for the Meeting of Experts to revise the 1992 code of practice on safety and health in construction. Finally, we invite the Office to request the GB to allocate sufficient funds for 2022 for the Meeting on Technical meeting in the finance sector.