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The Candidate Countries Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia¹, Montenegro, Serbia* and Albania*, the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.*

1. The EU and its Member States see great value in the ILO sectoral work as a means to achieve the goal of decent work for all. As we can also see within Europe, dialogue at sectoral level has shown its important role in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and through its support for a sustainable and inclusive recovery.
2. We support the ILO's approach to sectoral work and welcome the focus on a just transition to environmental sustainability and digitalisation, promoting decent and sustainable work in global and domestic supply chains and achieving several targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, in the framework of multilateral coherence. On the whole, the means of action used by the Office to implement sectorial policies, including recurrent sectoral work, are, in our view, most suitable in order to produce the expected results.
3. We welcome the dissemination of revised ILO guidelines for inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, these are important for decent work in the shipping sector.
4. The EU and its Member States would more specifically like to thank the Office for the excellent organization of the Sectoral Advisory Bodies (SABs) of January 2021. We particularly appreciated the constructive spirit with which all parts engaged in the discussions and we believe that the proposals for sectoral meetings that were finally selected cover a broad range of topical sectoral issues, adapted to the current context, and will lead us to fruitful debates and outcomes.
5. In this regard, the EU and its Member States would like to particularly thank the tripartite constituents at the SABs for the unanimous support by which our proposal for the organization of a technical meeting on COVID-19 and sustainable recovery in the tourism sector was adopted. We look forward to the organisation of the Meeting, preferably at the beginning of 2022, in order to explore the best possible ways to use the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity to improve the sustainability and resilience of tourism in the future.

**The Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.*

6. The EU and its Member States take due note of the Office's assurances, during the SABs, that it is in a position to organize the number of meetings selected. In this respect, we would also like to reiterate our call to the Office in integrating the transition to formality into the ILO sectoral work and to put on record one more time our interest for a tripartite meeting of experts on ensuring decent work in the platform economy, to be scheduled, if possible, during the second half of 2021, as suggested by the Office in doc GB.341/INS/3/1.