

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Comment on Item INS/3/3 (Rev1)

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses gratitude to the Office for preparing the background paper for Item INS/3/3 (Rev 1) and endorses the Screening Group's decision point in paragraph 55. However, we would like to draw the Governing Body's attention to paragraph 20 of the paper on security and connectivity issues at the 109th International Labour Conference, which refers to "a few cases of connectivity problems due to limited bandwidth in the delegate's location." We believe that the paragraph does not adequately represent the connectivity issues encountered by our delegation who took part in the 109th ILC from the capital. As our representative at the ILO frequently stated during the 109th ILC's preparatory sessions, the Zoom company refrains from providing services to Iranian IPs and users in compliance with the illegal sanctions imposed on our people. As a result, our delegation encountered numerous difficulties while attending the Plenary and Committee sessions of the conference, including poor, unstable, and frequently disrupted connections, which will continue through the ILC's second part of sessions in December 2021 if necessary measures are not taken.

We believe that the restrictions on our delegation's participation in ILO events violate an ILO member state's inalienable right to contribute to the organization of which it is a founding member. Additionally, it is manifestly incompatible with the spirit of multilateralism. As such, it is expected that the Office's paper to the March 2022 Governing Body session will adequately address the issue and that the Office will take all necessary measures to ensure our delegation's full and effective participation in the second section of the 109th ILC in December 2021, as well as all future ILO virtual events.