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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

As instructed by the 105th session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva in June 2016, and on behalf of Mr Guy Ryder, the ILO Director General and Secretary General of the Conference, I am pleased to bring to your attention the main elements related to the Resolution ***Advancing Social Justice through Decent Work*** adopted by the Conference.

This year the International Labour Conference assembled a record number of 5,982 delegates representing governments, employers and workers of 187 ILO member states as well as representatives of the UN System, business, civil society and academia.

The Resolution ***Advancing Social Justice through Decent Work*** provides a strong mandate for the ILO to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to contribute to its follow up and review mechanisms at national, regional and global levels, including by providing regular thematic inputs to the HLPF.

In particular, the Resolution requests the ILO to:

- support member states and stakeholders in integrating decent work into national sustainable development strategies and in aligning Decent Work Country Programmes with national sustainable development plans.
- develop its own 5 year Strategic Plan for 2018-2021, aligned with the 2030 Agenda.
- contribute to national, regional and global follow up and review processes, including by providing technical support to data collection and compilation of indicators, contributing to monitoring reports and analyses of decent work trends.
- strengthen the institutional capacity of member States and representative organizations of employers and workers according to their needs, to pursue relevant, effective and coherent social policy for decent work and sustainable development.

- foster policy coherence by offering evidence-based policy advice and closely working with relevant government ministries and departments, and by facilitating the participation of the tripartite constituents in national sustainable development strategies and related United Nations planning frameworks.
- lead or engage in alliances related to Goal 8 as well as other decent work-related goals of the 2030 Agenda with the involvement of the tripartite partners.

The Resolution also anticipates the possibility of including the International Labour Conference's agenda discussion items related to the ILO's contribution to the 2030 Agenda review, in line with HLPF thematic review cycles.

Finally, the Resolution requests the ILO Director General to communicate to the HLPF those elements that are particularly relevant to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In this respect, a formal letter was sent by the ILO Director General to the President of ECOSOC, submitting the Resolution as formal input to the HLPF 2016.

The Resolution ***Advancing Social Justice through Decent Work*** positions the International Labour Conference as a fundamental intergovernmental forum to host in-depth thematic reviews on the decent work elements of the 2030 Agenda and to provide technical inputs to the HLPF.

As member States and stakeholders get prepared to deliver on the SDGs, the ILO stands ready to work with the UN family in support of your efforts to integrate decent work into the sustainable development strategies, implement the 2030 Agenda and monitor results.

I thank you.