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The Centenary Declaration, the Global call to action and the ILC Conclusions concerning inequalities recall the key role of industrial policies, to create employment and development models that take into consideration the environmental emergency. This is also reflected in the conclusions of the technical meetings held in the past semester, calling for employment creation, just transition, and the respect of labour rights.

At the same time all the recent conclusions of the tripartite sectoral meetings have highlighted the relevance of the MNE declaration. Therefore, we encourage the Office to increase efforts for the promotion and implementation of the MNE declaration in relation to sectoral policies.

The workers group welcomes the conclusions of the **Technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services (UTP)** recognized UTP as a basic service and an enabler of other rights; called governments to ensure sustainable funding models, responsible procurement and contracting practices and adequate working conditions and OSH, extend social protection to all UPT workers, to consult with social partners in order to define a framework on data, data protection and algorithms in UPT that guarantees the privacy and dignity of workers, in line with fundamental rights. The role of UPT in just transition was also recognized in the request for the ILO to cooperate with the UNFCCC and other multilateral organisations. The meeting also concluded that the Office should build the capacity of relevant authorities, workers and employers in informal UPT and conduct research to inform further ILO tripartite action in the sector. Therefore, we would like to request the Office to develop this research during the second semester of 2022, in order to be considered by the Advisory bodies in 2023.

The workers group welcomes the adoption of the first **Code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear**. We strongly encourage the promotion of the code, including in the ILO relations with other UN agencies, and through trainings at the ITC.

The workers group welcomes the conclusions of the **Technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy**, which recognized aquaculture as a subsector of agriculture, providing guidance for future ILO action in a just transition to decent work and sustainability in this growing industrial sector. The conclusions recognized the need to elaborate a Code of Practice on OSH in aquaculture, as well as the update the Guidance on addressing child labour in fisheries and aquaculture (2011).

The workers' group takes note that despite the circumstances, the 14th Session of the Joint ILO–UNESCO **CEART** managed to meet virtually to analyse the cases presented by teachers' unions in relation to the implementation of Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel. We welcome the results of this meeting and encourage the full implementation of these Recommendations.

We welcome the results **Joint ILO–UNESCO CEART** analysed the cases presented by teachers’ unions in relation to the implementation of Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel. Consistent with its normative mandate, the ILO should ensure the promotion of the CEART recommendations following allegations, particularly with the countries reviewed but also to a wider audience. The workers group also welcomes the CEART Statement Recognizing teacher professionalism in the post-pandemic recovery which states that relevant stakeholders engaged in teacher education should “generate more structured and democratic mechanisms to hear the voice of teachers and their representative organizations in relation to their evolving, and increasingly precarious, employment and working conditions, as well as emerging challenges affecting professionalization within the teaching profession that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic”.

We take note of the report presented under **Sectoral Policy Department Highlights for 2020-2021** and we congratulate the department for the work done. However, we would like to have further information in relation to the implementation of the conclusions of the technical meetings and the promotion of the tools resulting from meetings of experts. In this sense, we request the Office to present an implementation plan of the conclusions in the GB session of November 2022.

In relation to the upcoming meetings for 2023, the workers’ group would like to recommend that, in line with the SAB discussions, the additional 9<sup>th</sup> 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 welcomes the progress made in relation to **the Joint FAO/ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Working Group** and agrees with the proposed Terms of Reference.

With these comments, we support the decision points.