

**Comments from the Employers' group on the Sectoral meetings held in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022–23 (GB.344/POL/2 (Rev.1))**

The Employers' Group is ready to support item POL2 on the understanding that the GB will be asked to finalize the programme of sectoral meetings in 2023 at a later stage. This is consistent with footnote 2 in Annex II. Employers reiterate their request that one sectoral meeting in the current programme of work of 2023 should be postponed to the following year: as currently presented, the number of sectoral meetings in 2023 is not realistic and limits the capacity of Constituents to engage in meaningful exchanges.

On the request that was made during the information session to have "implementation plans" to follow-up on the outcomes of sectoral meetings, Employers do not support such plan/s. The ILO P&B already provides a clear and overarching framework for the implementation of sectoral activities. Having a duplication of plans could thus create confusion and unclarity as to the implementation phase.

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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.

**POL 2 IMEC Statement on sectoral meetings held in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022–23 (GB.344/POL/2 (Rev.1))**

This statement is being submitted on behalf of IMEC.

IMEC thanks the Office for the clear and concise document on sectoral meetings held in 2021 and proposals for sectoral work in 2022–23. We restate our strong support for the ILO approach to sectoral work which we firmly believe is a means to achieve to goal of decent work for all.

IMEC takes note of the outcome of the technical meeting on the future of decent and sustainable work in urban transport services and welcomes the conclusions and recommendations for future action.

Furthermore, IMEC welcomes the work done during the meeting of experts to discuss and adopt a code of practice on safety and health in textiles, clothing, leather and footwear and is appreciative of the adopted Code of Practice which will be of great benefit to this sector.

IMEC supports the conclusions of the technical meeting on the future of work in aquaculture in the context of the rural economy. IMEC agrees with DP 24a and the intention of the DG to publish the records of the meetings mentioned in section I.

IMEC approves the suggested modalities for the technical meeting on the future of work in the arts and entertainment sector in February 2023 and the technical meeting on a green sustainable and inclusive economic recovery for the civil aviation sector beyond the COVID-19 pandemic .

In addition, IMEC thanks the Office for the description of the process of appointment of Officers for Technical Meetings and Meetings of Experts and took note of the request to notify the Office of the appointment and election of the Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons one month prior to each meeting.

We support the Office's continuing commitment to further strengthen strategic partnerships across the multilateral system to promote policy coherence and to leverage support for decent work for all. We therefore highly welcome the cooperation between FAO, IMO and ILO on the illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. IMEC supports the revised terms of reference for this working group.

The upcoming programme of sectoral meetings is well-balanced in attention to specific sectors and to topics that are important to discuss within those sectors. IMEC sees great value in continuing the regular program of sectoral meetings.

Thus, IMEC supports the points for decision.