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Comment from India

The World Council of Churches is a non-governmental organization which is religious in nature. It is observed that invitation to World Council of Churches as observer in the International Labour Conference may result in requests from other similarly placed religious organizations.

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IMEC Statement

1. IMEC thanks the Office for preparing the document laying out the sequence of meetings. In the context of COVID-19, the role of the ILO has become all the more important, and the ILO must ensure that its work continues to contribute to the global recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

2. For this ultimate goal, we must continue to adjust ourselves to innovative arrangements of meetings, drawing on our experiences gained in the previous GB sessions. When doing so, we should ensure effective participation for all constituents on an equal footing including consideration of different time zones. Highest priority should be given to keeping business continuity. That is the most required in today's circumstances.

3. Hopefully in the near future, when we consider resuming face-to-face meetings, it must be considered thoroughly by all groups, since the national circumstances may be different for each country in terms of travel, health, and safety conditions.

4. Specific comments regarding each meeting are as follows.

(a) IMEC welcomes the Meeting of the Tripartite Working Group on options to ensure decent work in supply chains. Following the positive GB decision to reflect tripartite will to frontload the timeline of deliberation on this important issue, IMEC expects the first meeting to take place as soon as possible after Nov 2021 GB.

(b) The Sixth Meeting of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group: It is of critical importance to the world of work that the ILO's standards are up-to-date, robust and relevant. IMEC regrets postponement of the SRM TWG meeting to September 2021 and would like to urge the Office to make sure that this is not a lost year for the SRM process by proceeding with its work. IMEC also urges all SRM TWG constituents to be innovative and flexible in their approaches going forward to ensure the group can continue its very important work.

(c) IMEC welcomes that the two working parties on inequality and skills are going to take place under the auspice of ILC 109th. IMEC hopes those outcomes to be adopted as soon

as possible by the resumed plenary session of ILC 109th and will constructively engage in consultations with other groups for its feasible timing.

(d) IMEC appreciates the inclusion of a tripartite meeting of experts on decent work in the platform economy and would welcome that this meeting takes place in the first half of 2022.

5. With those comments, IMEC can support the point for decision.