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Thank you Mr/Mdm Chair,

On behalf of the Norwegian workers, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the ILO.

Of all the international institutions established in the wake of the First World War, only the ILO has endured to this day. The vision of building and sustaining peace based on social justice has proven more lasting and relevant than the founders could have ever dreamed of. With its tripartite structure and decent work at the heart of its approach, the organisation is well equipped to deliver on the sustainable development goals and contribute substantially in creating a world of decent work.

I would like to commend the Global Commission on the Future of Work for their efforts.

We appreciate the human centred agenda of the report. ILO will always be about people! People's rights, needs, and aspirations. The way forward has to be social, and strong state intervention is required. A more comprehensive social security system and lifelong education and learning are essential to securing a just transition. We also welcome the idea of a measurable and transformative agenda for gender equality.

We must transform the care economy through public investment in quality care services, decent work policies for care workers, and a revaluing and formalisation of paid care work. Providing accessible and affordable child care and care for the elderly are central to ensure women's possibilities of entering the world of work. Not least, we must create and secure a world of work free from violence and harassment.

This is essential if we want an inclusive work-life.

Violence and harassment are not happening arbitrarily. Women and other vulnerable workers are affected disproportionately. It is excluding people from the world of work, at a time when we need their skills and effort dearly.

We believe that measuring progress based on GDP alone is a deficient indicator of policy success. We therefore support the idea of supplementary indicators to encourage, and more accurately track, progress. For instance of unpaid work performed in households and communities.

We would like to stress that the current concentration of power could have been addressed more thoroughly. Globalisation has contributed to a dramatic increase in the

power of large multinational corporations and concentrated wealth in fewer hands. States' power to regulate these business entities has eroded, or voluntarily been ceded in order to attract these businesses. At the same time, labour's traditional tools for asserting rights – trade unions, strikes and collective bargaining – have been significantly weakened across the globe.

The human cost of work done in supply chains is not reflected in the price tag of what's produced. We know that items are produced with no job security, no health and safety regulations, no living wage, no decent work for those who created the clothes. Governments should mandate companies to carry out effective right-based due diligence throughout their supply chains with effective grievance procedures to ensure remedy for human and labour rights violations. There is also a need for an international legally binding treaty to ensure compliance globally. Private sector and multinational companies must, particularly, respect freedom of association, pay living wages and respect collective bargaining rights.

Finally, we have read the appendix to the Director General on the situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories with deep concern. The occupation is tightening its grip. Gaza is close to collapse. Nowhere else in the world does the labour market situation of women appear so dire.

We have enormous tasks ahead, and we have to step up to the challenges of change. Decent work, gender equality and climate justice are core concerns. In the Sustainable Development Goals, we have the vehicles through which we can focus, organise and measure our efforts. May we succeed together. Thanks!