

## Statement

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#### ILO Regional Meetings: Consideration of possibilities to maintain, discontinue or adapt future meetings

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**Honorable Chairperson,**

The Government of Pakistan fully endorses option 4, which calls for the replacement of ILO regional meetings with regional forums. We believe that the new regional forums will provide more effective and meaningful platforms for networking and exchange among member countries.

We expect that the regional forums will create a dedicated space for member countries to share policy solutions, best practices, and challenges in implementation related to Decent Work and achieving social justice. By identifying major regional and sub-regional trends, the forums will enable member countries to develop collective strategies to address common challenges and strengthen their efforts to promote Decent Work.

Furthermore, regional forums will provide a valuable opportunity for member countries to engage with other stakeholders, including employers' and workers' organizations, civil society, and academia, to foster dialogue and collaboration towards common objectives. The forums will also serve as a platform for showcasing innovative approaches and initiatives that can be scaled up and replicated across the region.

The Government of Pakistan is committed to actively participating in these regional forums and contributing towards the achievement of their objectives. We believe that the new approach will not only enhance the effectiveness of the regional meetings but also contribute towards the overall goals of the ILO in promoting Decent Work and social justice.

We look forward to participating in these forums and working towards the promotion of Decent Work and social justice in our region.

**I thank you.**

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