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Work plan on the strengthening of the supervisory system: Review of the arrangements to allow for optional voluntary conciliation and other measures introduced on a trial basis concerning the operation of representations submitted under article 24 of the ILO Constitution and consideration of proposals to streamline reporting under article 22

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Honorable Chairperson,

Pakistan expresses its sincere appreciation for the Office's dedicated efforts in improving the supervisory system. We endorse the "Work Plan on the Strengthening of the Supervisory System" and its ongoing implementation. This comprehensive proposal includes a meticulous review of the arrangements for optional voluntary conciliation and other trial-based measures in relation to the examination of representations submitted under Article 24 of the ILO Constitution. Furthermore, it addresses the crucial task of streamlining reporting under Article 22.

We firmly believe that these initiatives will yield substantial improvements. Specifically, the review of arrangements for optional voluntary conciliation and the trial measures introduced under Article 24 will enhance the efficiency and transparency of this examination process. Simultaneously,

the streamlining of reporting under Article 22 promises to significantly reduce administrative burdens, facilitating more effective reporting by Member States.

We eagerly anticipate actively collaborating with other member states to ensure the resounding success of these proposals. The ILO holds a pivotal role in advancing social justice and upholding internationally recognized human and labor rights. The "Work Plan on the Strengthening of the Supervisory System" represents a landmark in safeguarding and promoting these rights on a global scale. Pakistan remains unwavering in its commitment to strengthening cooperation among member states, which, in turn, will enhance the operational efficiency of the ILO. We support the proposed measures outlined in paragraphs 49 to 65 of the document. Consequently, we extend our full endorsement to the draft decision specified in paragraph 67 of the document.

I thank you.

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