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Promotional activities with regard to the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, including in the context of relevant developments outside the ILO

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Honorable Chairperson,

We appreciate the update provided by the Office regarding the promotional activities related to the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy. We view the MNE Declaration as a valuable tool for fostering excellent industrial relations, given its numerous strengths that contribute significantly to the promotion of decent work and social progress.

This declaration offers invaluable guidance to multinational enterprises, governments, and labor organizations on essential areas such as employment, training, working conditions, and industrial relations, all grounded in international labor standards.

Pakistan is among the eleven ILO member states that have designated a national focal point for promoting the MNE declaration in the country. The Employers Federation of Pakistan currently serves as the national focal point.

The Government of Pakistan has taken significant strides in institutionalizing the principles outlined in the Multinational Enterprises (MNE) Declaration. One notable effort is the establishment of the Inter-ministerial Committee

on Just Transitions, tasked with developing sector-wide action plans. This initiative underscores Pakistan's commitment to integrating just transitions for sustainable and responsible enterprises into its core policies.

Moreover, Pakistan's adoption of a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), underscores its dedication to aligning national strategies with international standards.

The recent formation of the Business Task Force on the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) further strengthens the connection between the MNE focal point within the Employers Federation of Pakistan and UN agencies. This collaborative effort ensures a comprehensive and cross-cutting approach to implementing the MNE Declaration across various sectors and initiatives.

These initiatives reflect Pakistan's proactive stance in promoting responsible business practices and fostering sustainable development in partnership with international entities.

We support the draft decision mentioned in paragraph 41 of the document and are flexible with regards to workers and employers amendments.

I thank you.

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