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Statement

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Preview of the Programme and Budget proposals for 2024–25

Statement delivered on behalf of OIC Group of countries (10 November 2022)

We are delivering this statement on behalf of OIC countries¹.

We the OIC countries note with deep concern over the use of controversial concepts such as Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in paragraph 151 of the 346th ILO Governing Body P& B document.

The OIC countries wish to underscore and reiterate that such concepts are neither universally agreed nor are they in sync with their national laws, customs, morals or cultural ethos. Moreover, neither these concepts have any basis in international law nor do they represent any branch of international law.

¹except Albania

The OIC countries wish to highlight that existing international law has sufficient provisions to address concerns over discrimination of any kind. Therefore, the OIC countries register their strong reservations over attempts to insert controversial and problematic notions into the ILO documents.

As a specialized agency of the United Nations and as stipulated in its own constitution, the ILO must be guided by international law and universally agreed instruments.

The OIC countries reiterate their call on the ILO to use in its all documents, internationally agreed forms of discrimination i. e. race, sex, colour, language and religion, as enshrined in international human rights law and as identified in ILO's own constitution.

The OIC's position and views vis-a-vis the present amended draft decision are based on the understanding that all controversial concepts that do not enjoy consensus shall not be introduced in any future ILO documents.

The OIC would also like to urge the Office to conduct tripartite consultations when formulating future ILO documents of high importance, including the GB347 March 2023 document on Programme and Budget.

Thank you, Madam Chair.
