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Thank you, Chair.

First and foremost, the ILO should continue advocating for the adoption and implementation of International Labour Standards (ILS) that facilitate just transitions. These standards should encompass multi-sectoral approaches, addressing the interconnected challenges of skills development, employment, and social protection. By promoting ILS, the ILO can provide a solid foundation for countries to build inclusive and resilient transition strategies.

Furthermore, the ILO should provide policy guidance on the requirements necessary to enable just transitions. As countries navigate this transformative process, they need clear directives and actionable recommendations. The ILO's expertise in labor-related matters uniquely positions it to offer comprehensive and practical guidance, helping countries develop policies that prioritize the well-being of workers and businesses while advancing sustainability objectives.

Capacity building is very crucial for the ILO. Investing in programs that empower labor administrators with skills and knowledge is essential for facilitating just transitions. By enhancing their capabilities, the ILO can support businesses, workers, and sustainable enterprises during this transformative process.

Research and analysis are also vital for the ILO's strategy. Conducting sector-specific studies on just transitions, including impact on workers and businesses, is crucial. Diagnostic studies, such as coal phasing out, inform evidence-based decision-making. Furthermore, exploring emerging economies and industries allows the ILO to identify opportunities for new economic models aligned with just transition principles.

Finally, the ILO should actively engage in inter-ministerial dialogues to foster coordinated approaches to just transitions. By fostering collaboration among government departments, a harmonized and holistic approach to just transitions can be achieved. The ILO can act as a convener and mediator, facilitating these dialogues, mapping stakeholders, and building their capacities. Through inclusive dialogue and partnerships, the ILO can help countries establish networks and synergies necessary for successful just transitions.

I Thank you.