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**Honorable Chairperson,**

We thank the Office for presenting the report on 'High-level evaluations of strategies and Decent Work Country Programmes (DWCPs)' in four countries of South Asia.

We appreciate the valuable recommendations.

The Government of Pakistan is actively pursuing labour related reforms. Currently, third DWCP-III (2016-2022) is being implemented whose priority areas of action include: (i) promoting decent work in the rural economy, (ii) job creation for youth and vulnerable groups, (iii) strengthening compliance with international labour standards through social dialogue, and (iv) extending social protection floor.

The Government rolled out over US\$ 7 billion in social protection, fiscal and monetary support measures to workers, businesses to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19. Over 16 million families, mostly women benefitted from the Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme.

The Government remains focused on advancing people centered recovery and sustainable development with especial attention towards our 65.5 million workforce.

We value the support provided by ILO Country Office in Pakistan.

The COVID pandemic has hit developing countries the hardest, derailing their economies, squeezing their fiscal space and loss of jobs and employment. Recovering from these devastating effects require concerted and coordinated international actions in support of national measures especially adequate debt relief, timely and affordable access to vaccines and concessional development finance. International support measures remain critical to a successful human-centred recovery that helps in protection and creation of jobs, social protection and decent work conditions. The role and contribution of ILO in these areas will be crucial.

**I thank you.**