

Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWGLCA)

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On behalf of the International trade union confederation, which represents around 170 million unionised workers of 155 countries, both of developing and developed world, we express our commitment to this process. We consider climate change is not only an environmental issue but that it is also a social issue, including rights to development

Chair, the global labour movement pledge its full support and share a vision where a long term process:

- puts the world on a path to no more than 2°C, and where a long term global target for 85% emission reductions for 2050 is established. A medium term target for 2020 for developed countries is also necessary, and it should follow IPCC recommendation of 25-40% reduction.
- and where a process mobilizes resources and technology to undertake emission reductions in the developing world. For the latest, the trade union movement believe this must not be done at the cost of decent living and working conditions as enshrined in the International Labour Organization Declaration on Fundamental rights at work and other key core standards.

Beside this, the global labour movement is also committed to the previous policies provided that the post 2012 framework integrates a “social driver”

Chair, the global labour movement under the umbrella of the international trade union confederation specifically urges Parties to introduce in the shared vision a JUST TRANSITION FRAMEWORK, which should be based on:

- fair distribution of the costs associated to emission reductions so that the poorest will not carry the heaviest burden
- providing opportunity for repairing and rebuilding national economies on the basis of social and environmentally responsible investment which should create green jobs and stimulate economic growth
- creation and upgrading of social protection, including insurance coverage, proper implementation of national safety nets and welfare laws, vocational training, retraining and proper reintegration.
- And LAST but not least, a commitment towards equity and a commitment not only for sustainable development

Chair: the trade union movement considers that this discussion must ensure the inclusion of social provisions in the next agreement under the principle of a “just

transition” in order to ensure broad social consensus when implementing these climate policies.