

INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ITUC)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUMMIT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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1. The ITUC calls upon Member States to adopt a new policy approach in the Summit Outcome Document, as part of a Breakthrough Plan for accelerated progress in achieving the MDGs by 2015.
2. Trade unions strongly support the promotion of MDG 1, sub-target 1B, which aims “*to achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people.*”
3. Real progress must be made with monitoring the achievement of decent work objectives through the indicators developed for MDG1, sub-target 1B, and for the employment-related indicator of MDG 3 on gender equality.
4. Trade unions support the ILO’s initiative to strengthen the social protection component of the Decent Work Agenda through the provision of a universal social protection floor.
5. The implementation of the ILO Global Jobs Pact should be endorsed in the Summit Outcome Document as a policy framework for achieving MDG1.
6. Large-scale environmentally-friendly and climate-resilient investments in infrastructure, as needed to achieve MDG7, represent an opportunity for advancing development needs and the protection of the planet in a coherent manner.
7. Trade unions support the Financial Transactions Tax (FTT) as a viable option, capable of freeing new resources for financing development (MDG1) and for the financing of mitigation and adaptation measures to address climate change (MDG7), as well as generate revenues needed to reduce government budget deficits and debts resulting from the crisis.
8. As regards MDG6, combating HIV/AIDS, trade unions lend their full support to the ILO normative framework which emphasises the incorporation of workplace approaches into national policies and programmes as part of an effective strategy to address the pandemic, and call for the full implementation of the ILO Recommendation on “HIV and AIDS and the World of Work” adopted in June 2010.
9. In the context of MDG8, “*a global partnership for development*”, consultative arrangements should be put in place that are inclusive, ensuring the continuing engagement of trade unions in the follow-up and implementation of measures aimed at full achievement of the MDGs by 2015.

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