



International Trade Union Confederation

REMARKS TO L20/B20 SESSION WITH G20 LEADERS

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary

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President we very much appreciate your focus on inequality.

Terrorism, loss of life, refugees fleeing from fear and the risk of further economic crisis overshadows this G20 meeting but the solutions lie in inclusion. This requires us to invest in jobs and the dignity of work, to meet the employment targets for women and youth and reduce inequality with social protection, increased minimum wages and collective bargaining. We acknowledge Turkish promise of increased minimum wages.

Employment is also critical so will we see more urgent coordinated action by all governments on the promised investment in infrastructure, green infrastructure to tackle climate change and investment in the care economy vital to create jobs and enable women to join the workforce...

And in response to the refugee crisis will we see all G20 nations emulate the extraordinary and humbling generosity of the Turkish people and share responsibility for safe haven for refugees with support for social protection in poorer countries and the universal right to work with equal treatment in the workforce?

These are the measures that can provide the hope and opportunity that underpins the prosperity and the security of economic and social inclusion. We need bold G20 action.