

AWG- KP

International Trade Union Confederation

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Thank you Chair,

My name is Sophie Dupressoir. I am speaking on behalf of the International trade union confederation.

Trade unions stress again their support for this process, and call on Annex I countries to make a firm commitment to achieve emission reductions of 25 to 40% by 2020, as recommended by the IPCC.

However, Chair, we believe that these ambitious targets will be politically hard to achieve if the process does not secure a framework for a Just transition to a low carbon future.

Key elements of this **Just transition** framework are:

- Social dialogue between governments, trade unions and business to address together the social and economic effects of mitigation measures;
- a Green new deal supporting investment in green jobs and skills, green technologies and infrastructure.
- Programs for workers who may be affected by restructuring with well funded training and income support packages.

We welcome your recognition of importance of spill over effects. We urge you to make sure it explicitly covers the impacts, positive and negative, of mitigation policies on jobs, income, competitiveness and poverty.

Chair,

I am also representing here the European trade union confederation.

The proposed EU climate change package is at risk of being substantially undermined by fears that it could lead to major job losses.

I must emphasise that the European trade unions do not want to see a weakening of the EU's climate package.

However, we believe that the climate package would be much more acceptable socially if it had been matched with a green job and just transition package, as proposed by the ETUC.

Chair,

I hope I have convinced you that it is essential to secure in the new treaty these ideas of just transition.

We look forward to providing you with specific inputs on the way to the next AWG KP meeting.

Thank you