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Dear Ministers,

The trade union movement would like to share with you its deep concerns about the course of the negotiation here in Paris, in particular with respect to the fate of Article 2, paragraph 2 of the ADP text, on Purpose.

The current negotiating text, with all its shortcomings, contains in that section critical language aimed at ensuring that while pursuing a shared long term goal of maintaining temperatures well below 2°C, Parties will ensure that human rights are respected, women are guaranteed full participation in decisions, workers have a Just Transition secured with decent job opportunities to maintain their families and communities, and more broadly, citizens are fully part of climate action.

Trade unions are shocked to learn that informal documents coming out of the spinoff groups show that this language has been removed from the operational part of the text and inserted in the preamble section, therefore taking out from the UNFCCC any responsibility in following up with those commitments.

We would therefore like to make clear that this is not acceptable for us, and we would like to call on you to deploy all possible efforts to secure article 2, paragraph 2 in the ADP text.

Erasing these references sends a very bad signal on Governments' intentions on climate. Climate action must be undertaken with people, not against them.

We are here to build a better future, not to bargaining away commitments that define our shared values.

We need your support.

Regards,



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