

**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN**  
Geneva



**Pakistan's Statement at the 106<sup>th</sup> International Labour Conference Plenary**  
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**Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Social Partners,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We congratulate you on your election as President of the Conference.

Pakistan welcomes the comprehensive agenda of the Conference which deals with important dimensions of the world of work, especially labour migration.

We commend the Director General for his leadership and for presenting a zero-growth budget reflecting the interests and priorities of all ILO constituents. We look forward to its adoption.

**Mr. President,**

Being the seventh most climate-affected country of the world, Pakistan welcomes the choice of 'The Green Initiative' for the Director General's report. It is imperative that early impact assessment of climate change on the world of work is carried out with a view to ensuring preparedness, prevention, adaptation, mitigation and fostering resilience.

It is important to ensure that developing countries, especially climate-affected countries, benefit from ILO's interventions, and their growth and development objectives are not adversely impacted.

Pakistan also encourages ILO tapping into climate financial instruments to spur creation of decent green jobs in most vulnerable regions.

**Mr. President,**

We view unemployment as a major hurdle in realizing the SDGs, and urge the ILO to step up its programmes for assisting Pakistan, as well as other developing countries, in employment generation, particularly for youth.

Pakistan has recently taken important steps to incentivize entrepreneurship, train labour force in demand-driven skills and generate youth employment, especially for women and girls. These initiatives are bearing fruit.

Similarly, post-18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment, Provinces in Pakistan have assumed leading role in formulating and implementing labour policies. In this regard, all provinces of Pakistan have enacted important labour legislation, or are in the process.

We look forward to receiving ILO's technical assistance in our post-devolution transition of labour legislation and enforcement to the provinces, through capacity building and other measures.

Pakistan has also taken concrete steps to foster inclusion, social dialogue and tripartism in policy formulation and implementation. The Federal Tripartite Consultative Commission is instrumental in meaningful exchange of views on all policy responses and key issues.

**Mr. President,**

Pakistan appreciates the work of the Committee on Application of Standards in ensuring implementation of the labour conventions. We are committed to working closely with the ILO supervisory mechanisms to ensure promotion and protection of labour rights across Pakistan.

We also consider discussions on labour migration as significant, and look forward to the conclusions. It is important to expand regular migration pathways to arrest human trafficking.

Pakistan is participating actively in the work of the Committee revising Recommendation No. 71. We hope that the updated Recommendation will effectively address complex challenges confronting the world of work, particularly in post-conflict and -disaster settings.

**Mr. President,**

We express our deep concern over the violation of human rights of the people under occupation, anywhere in the world – from Palestine to Kashmir to Golan to Nagorno-Karabakh.

The impunity with which the occupiers violate international human rights and humanitarian law, and in doing so, severely undermine the economic viability and decent work conditions of the workers is a matter of great concern to us.

We deplore that limitations on decent work, including access to workplace in safety and security, are being employed as a tool to suppress people's right to self determination.

Thank you Mr. President.

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