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Mr. President,

Pakistan aligns itself with the positions that the OIC has taken during consideration of the program and budget document in the meetings of the 347<sup>th</sup> Governing Body and the Finance Committee of this International Labor Conference.

I wish to Congratulate the Director General on the adoption of the program and budget that outlines ILO's priorities for the next two years.

Pakistan views itself as a partner and a beneficiary of ILO's work undertaken at the country level in line with decent work programs developed in line with national priorities and in consultation between tripartite constituents.

At home, Pakistan government is undertaking several social welfare programs aimed at facilitating workers in the area such as health and education. Despite the challenges posed by the Pandemic and climate induced events, our efforts to support our social partners continue.

We are also committed to strengthening our legal architecture in line with our obligations under the international labour conventions, build our implementation capacity to support the policy outcomes envisaged in this program and budget.

This requires robust cooperation with the ILO at the country level, which should be not just aligned with the policy priorities of this program and budget but also with the national priorities as developed while considering local laws, culture, and specific needs.

In this context Pakistan would like to echo concerns of the OIC on using controversial and divisive concepts as these could undermine the international cooperation that underpins ILO's work worldwide

We look forward to our continued cooperation in the days ahead.

Thankyou