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Intervention by Pakistan on Complaint against Bangladesh Agenda Item INS/13 (21 March 2022)

Chairperson,

It is encouraging to note the progress reported by Bangladesh in terms of legislative and administrative steps towards addressing the complaint.

We recognize the advances made in four priority areas including; labour law reforms, trade union registrations, labour inspection and enforcement and ratification of ILO instruments.

We note the reaffirmation of commitment by the Government of Bangladesh to provide a better and safer workplace for Workers in order to uphold their rights, including collective bargaining, freedom of association and right to strike.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented socio-economic challenges for all countries. However, the economic and social impact of the pandemic on developing countries has been disproportionate. More specifically, the pandemic-induced economic and fiscal challenges have accentuated hardships for Workers in both the formal and informal sectors.

Due consideration should therefore be given to the fiscal constraints faced by developing countries including Bangladesh in managing the socio-economic impacts in the world of work.

Cognizant of the complexity of COVID related challenges and their impacts on Workers, we call on parties to amicably address concerns and complaints in the spirit of tripartite cooperation.

Thank you.