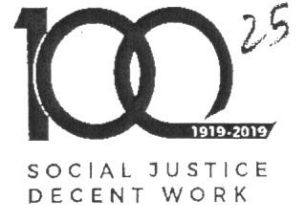


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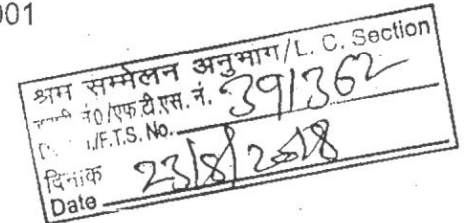
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Dear Sir,

The International Labour Organization (ILO) will celebrate its Centenary in 2019.

This provides an exceptional opportunity for our Organization, one of the oldest in the multilateral system, to look back on a rich 100 year history of achievements. At the same time, it is a moment when the ILO must look to the future.

That means focusing on the challenges that confront the world of work at a time of transformational change, and their implications for the ILO and its member States as they continue their efforts to carry forward the cause of social justice.

For these reasons, I write to you now to inform you of the activities that we foresee for the ILO's Centenary, and to urge your fullest involvement in them. That engagement is crucial to the success of the Centenary and the direction it will give to the Organization as it enters its second century.

The Future of Work Centenary Initiative

The Future of Work Initiative stands at the heart of the ILO's Centenary. At a time when people in all countries are experiencing the impact of profound and rapid changes at work, the ILO is taking on the task of examining their implications for Governments, employers and workers, and charting a forward path to social justice. Following national dialogues on the future of work in some 130 member States, the ILO's Global Commission on the Future of Work was established in August 2017. Its report will be launched on 22 January 2019, in Geneva, by its Co-Chairs: His Excellency, Mr Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden, and His Excellency, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa. The report will be distributed to constituents, and I urge all member States to organize national events to allow for full tripartite discussion of its content.

The Centenary International Labour Conference

The 108th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 10-21 June 2019), will be the high point of the Centenary Year. The Governing Body of the International Labour Office has decided that the Conference should be dedicated in large part to the consideration of the future of work and to other aspects of the Centenary. The Conference will receive the report of the Global Commission and is expected to adopt an important outcome document on the future of work. This will be the key output of the Future of Work Centenary Initiative.

In addition, the Heads of State or Government of all member States are cordially invited to address the 108th Session of the Conference. Appropriate provisions will be made for them to deliver their messages in accordance with the number of positive responses received.

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National Centenary Events

Each member State has a shared history with the ILO, some dating back to the founding of the Organization, some much shorter. It is hoped that all will consider the organization of national events to look back on and to celebrate that history and its achievements. Depending on national circumstances, these may be combined with the events convened to discuss the report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work, or organized separately.

Other Regional and International Events

Events will be organized to mark key dates in the founding of the ILO: the drafting of its founding Constitution in January 1919, its adoption and the first session of the International Labour Conference in June 1919, and the first session of the Governing Body in November 1919. These will be accompanied by publications on the history of the Organization. Arrangements are also underway to celebrate the Centenary in and with the United Nations family in both New York and Geneva, in close cooperation with the Swiss authorities, as the Swiss Confederation is host to the International Labour Office. Equally, preparations are underway in the ILO's Regional Offices to ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to capture the regional dimension of the Centenary in all parts of the world.

In the light of the above, I would request that your Government, in close cooperation with the employers' and workers' organizations in your country:

- a) Organize tripartite national events to examine the report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work;
- b) Organize other national tripartite events to celebrate the shared history of your country and the ILO, or other aspects of the Centenary;
- c) Consider the participation at the level of Head of State or Government in the 2019 Centenary Session of the International Labour Conference;
- d) Support or suggest other national, regional, or international events.

It would be crucially important for the preparations now underway that information on your intentions with regard to each of these points be communicated to the ILO as soon as possible. This will enable the Office to advance its own planning and to develop a comprehensive calendar of events throughout 2019.

I would therefore be grateful if you would send all available information, together with any questions you may have, to ILO2019@ilo.org.

The ILO will also keep you informed of developments in respect of the Centenary and you can follow the planning process through the dedicated web page <http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/history/centenary/lang--en/index.htm> which will be regularly updated.

I thank you in advance for your contribution to this all important moment in the history of our Organization.

Yours sincerely,



Guy Ryder
Director-General