

Declaration on Healthy and Safe Workplaces

Together we state our shared commitment to policy and practices for healthy and safe workplaces. Work should not cost workers their health, limbs or lives. Results are achieved when trade unions and management cooperate on common objectives on occupational health and safety towards workplaces with zero fatalities and where risks of occupational diseases and accidents are addressed.

The human right to “safe and healthy working conditions” is recognized in the United Nations Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. The collective and shared commitment on occupational health and safety is also strongly reverberated in the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Over the years since the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work in 1998, safety and health have become even more elemental for both trade unions and employers. Dealing with the health and safety risks of the COVID-19 pandemic is the most recent example.

We are committed to support the recognition of healthy and safe workplaces as a fundamental right by the International Labour Organization (ILO). A global consensus for such a change will encourage the application of good occupational health and safety standards and discourage countries and companies from seeking competitive advantage based on substandard conditions and practices.

Healthy and safe workplaces save lives.

Signed in Brussels on 23 April 2021.

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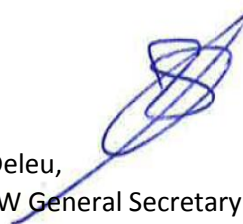
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