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Mr. President,

I want to congratulate Mr. Funes de Rioja for this election as President to this Conference, which is the recognition to his national and international career and a qualified driver of tripartite dialogue for Sustainable Development and Decent Work

We agree with Director General on the need to raise the ILO's profile in these times of globalization.

The trade union movement promotes an ILO s design which resizes with of a coherent strategy governments and employers.

We must give a political response to unemployment, precarious work, forced labour, and violence in all its forms; in order to build a community with social and human values which will allow us to universalize social justice.

We, as workers believe in the ILO's fundamental rules and tools as well as the control and monitoring system.

Employment-oriented macroeconomic policies are essential to promote decent and productive work and facilitate the transition into the formal economy, because unemployment is record worldwide and is exacerbated in the case of young people

Globalization fails because it is unable to solve the global financial crisis.

As Pope Francis has said: “We have to break down the barriers of individualism and the slavery of profit at all cost and challenge injustice in all its forms, fighting against economic exclusion, the throw-away culture and the culture of death.

En las Américas el movimiento sindical aprobó una Plataforma de Desarrollo con cuatro dimensiones: política, económica, social y ambiental.

In the Americas the trade union movement approved a four-pillar Development Platform with political, economic, social and environmental aspects.

Es una herramienta de lucha por los derechos laborales construida colectivamente desde los

This is a tool with which we can fight for labour rights which has been built collectively by the workers, a great contribution to debate at next Regional ILO Meeting in Lima.

It is a proposal to build a model that ends with the scourges that affect us: violence and lack of freedom of association and collective bargaining; unemployment, poverty, and inequality, and the latent danger of precarious working conditions that is at odds with high rates of economic growth in the region

Governments must ensure the effective observance of the fundamental principles and rights that ensure the social and working conditions and thus social peace will be possible.

We affirm the motto of the Summit of the Americas, held in Argentina in 2005 which called to create jobs, fight poverty and strengthen democratic governance.

We need the UNASUR to respond to the signs of weakness or attack to the productive and social development models, in the same way that reacts to events that may affect the democracies of our countries.

We want a social-labour chapter in UNASUR

Argentina has implemented employment-oriented public policies during the last decade.

- We've kept collective bargaining enabling the improvement of workers' wages;
- Universal allowance per child and family allowances were increased;
- Minimum wage is annually updated;
- And also there was an extension of social protection with a real inclusion effect.

We still have major issues ahead: we need to end poverty and marginalization; we need to eradicate the informality aspects of work and unemployment as well by creating more jobs of quality, deduct taxes on work and consolidating the solidarity system of health among others.

We have new laws of protection and inclusion for domestic and agricultural workers which guarantee the labour rights of both groups and a law for the Promotion of the Registered Work and the prevention against labor fraud.

Today the crisis is battering the industrial productive sectors, affecting workers who lose their jobs.

We reject the corporate response since job losses and suspension of workers may not be the adjustment variable to deal with this problem, these are the same sectors that gained economic benefits and which today should support their workers.

We affirm the need for the creation of a Council of Economic and Social Development as an essential tool to discuss State Policies that allow us to put an end to the social debt.

Mr. President, we encourage a paradigm shift because workers need a society of work and productive economy, labor citizenship where work is the engine of growth, with inclusion and equality, with the full force of the social dialogue and collective bargaining

We are committed to a modern trade unionism providing a collective response to workers and their families, which serves as spokesman for the needs of the society as a whole.

Thank you very much