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With a view to strengthening partnerships between six pathfinders countries of the Alliance 8.7, countries member of the European Union and countries of the East and South, represented by Albania, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Germany, Morocco and the Netherlands;

Organized by the Alliance 8.7- Global Partnership against Child Labour, Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and the Paris Office of the International Labour Organization (ILO);

With the support of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (CNCDH), independent national rapporteur on the fight against the trafficking and exploitation of human beings; Secours Catholique-Caritas France, coordinator of the Collective "Together against Trafficking in Human Beings" composed of 28 NGOs; the Committee against Modern Slavery (CCEM) and the French Ministries of Labour, Employment and Inclusion and of Europe and Foreign Affairs;

The Virtual High-level Meeting will welcome Governments, European and international institutions, survivors, experts, NGOs and social partners from the six countries. Participants from all continents will be able to contribute to the exchanges.

The conclusions of the Virtual Meeting, conceived in a multi-stakeholder approach, will contribute to the effectivity and the evolution of the 2011 EU Directive on Human Trafficking; to the work of the European Commission on implementing a "zero tolerance" approach on child labour and forced labour; to the European Sustainable corporate governance initiative, as well as to the preparation of the Fifth International Conference for the Eradication of Child Labour in Durban in May 2022.

Simultaneous translation into French and English is provided. The sessions are moderated by Monica Lisa (International Training Center – ILO).

Wednesday March 2 – 09:30 -10:30 (CET) - High-level opening session

Express the necessary political support and whole-of-Government commitment to the fight against child labour, forced labour and human trafficking, in association with all stakeholders.

Introduction to the High-Level Virtual Meeting: Anousheh KARVAR — Chair of Alliance 8.7, Global Partnership against Child Labour, Forced Labour, Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

Opening remarks by Ministers and the EU commissioner for International Partnerships

- 1. Ms Elisabeth BORNE Minister of Labour, employment and Inclusion (France)
- 2. **Mr Franck RIESTER** Delegate Minister for Foreign Trade (France)
- 3. Mr Adama KAMARA Minister of Employment and Social Protection (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 4. **Mr Younes SEKKOURI** Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Enterprises, Employment & Skills (Morocco)
- 5. Ms Karien VAN GENNIP Minister of Social Affairs and Employment (Netherlands)
- 6. Ms Jutta URPILAINEN Commissioner for International Partnerships (EU) tbc
- 7. Mr Hubertus HEIL Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (Germany)
- 8. Ms. Denada SEFERI Deputy Minister of Health and Social Protection (Albania)
- 9. Mr Adrien TAQUET Secretary of State in charge of Childhood and Families (France)

Interruption (5min)

Wednesday March 2 – 10:30-12:30 (CET) – Presentation

The 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) aims to put an end to all forms of exploitation around the world, including vulnerable populations. The challenge is accentuated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Without additional efforts, the international community would not meet the SDG Target 8.7, notable to secure the prohibition and elimination of child labour in all its forms by 2025 and to take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking by 2030.

At the European Union level, in December 2020, the Council of the European Union encouraged member states to join the Alliance 8.7 (Council Conclusions on Human Rights and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains). A common framework would be instrumental in enabling partnerships with the 25 Pathfinder countries of the Alliance 8.7. Several European Union directives now in preparation should contribute to this end.

The Fifth International Conference on the Eradication of Child Labour in Durban, in May 2022, offers an opportunity to strengthen and step up actions in this direction.

Speakers

- 1. Jean-Marie BURGUBURU President, the National Advisory Commission on Human Rights (France)
- 2. **Geneviève COLAS** Secours Catholique & Coordinator of the Collective « Together against Trafficking in Human Beings » (France)
- 3. **Sylvie O'DY** President, the Committee Against Modern Slavery (France)

Survivors' Testimony

Speakers

- 4. Philippe VANHUYNEGEM Chief of the Fundamental Principles & Rights at Work Branch, ILO
- 5. **Cyril COSME** Director, the ILO Office in Paris

Presentation of two far-reaching projects against Child Labour in Africa

- 1. **SAVE MAROC** A Cooperation inter-association Project against trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation Mohamed OULKHOUIR, INSAF (Morocco)
- 2. **ACCEL Africa Project** Accelerating action for the elimination of child labour in supply chains in Africa Minoru OGASAWARA, ILO

Discussion

Interruption - 12:30-14:00

Wednesday March 2 – 14:00-16:00 (CET) - Session 1

Prevention, all along supply chains, through training and due diligence

Discuss improvement to bring to the implementation of the enterprises and other international economic players' due diligence, through powerful prevention means such as raising public awareness and offering training of public decision-makers and private sector managers as well as opinion leaders.

Kick-off speakers

- 1. Matthias THORNS Deputy Secretary General of the International Organisation of Employers
- 2. **Jeroen BEIRNAERT** Director Human and Trade Union Rights, International Trade Union Confederation
- 3. **Prof. Dorothée BAUMANN-PAULY** Director, Geneva Center for Business and Human Rights University of Geneva & New York University

Roundtable 1: Governments' responses

- 1. Kouakou Kra Martin N'GUETTIA Director for the Fight against Child Labour (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 2. Anne KEMPERS The Netherlands Enterprise Agency, Fund Against Child Labour
- 3. Eline BIJVELD Work : No Child's Business (Netherlands)

Roundtable 2: Social Partners and Civil Society's good practices and proposals

- 1. Ludivine PIRON End child prostitution, child pornography and trafficking of children (ECPAT)
- 2. Lucie CHATELAIN Sherpa Association
- 3. Hicham ZOUANATE General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises / CGEM (Morocco)
- 4. Amal ELAMRI Moroccan Union of Labour / UMT (Morocco)

Discussion

Interruption (5min)

Wednesday March 2 – 16:00-18:00 (CET) – Session 2

Detecting, identifying, accompanying, protecting

Assess ongoing actions and progress to be made in the detection of victims or survivors, their protection and accompaniment, including better access to rights (shelter, housing, health, education and employment services), justice and remedies.

Kick-off speakers

- 1. **Valiant RICHEY** Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- 2. **Prof. Conny RIJKEN** Elected member, Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in human Beings GRETA/Council of Europe

Roundtable 1: National responses

- 1. **Elisabeth MOIRON-BRAUD** Secretary General, Interministerial Mission for Women's protection against Violence and against Human Trafficking (France)
- 2. **Dr. Philipp SCHWERTMANN** Head of the Migration and Decent Work Department at Arbeit und Leben Berlin-Brandenburg DGB/VHS e. V. (Germany)
- 3. **Herman BOLHAAR** National rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children (Netherlands)
- 4. **Euphrasie AKA** Country Director and Regional Representative for Western and Central Africa of the Fondation ICI (Côte d'Ivoire)
- 5. Salima ADMI Director of Labour (Morocco)
- 6. Nadia BOS Expert in Human Trafficking at the Netherlands Labour Authority (Netherlands)

Roundtable 2: Actions and Proposals from Civil Society

- 1. Ariela MITRI Caritas Albania
- 2. **Brian VARMA** CoMensha (Netherlands)
- 3. Suzanne HOFF La Strada International
- 4. **Annabel CANZIAN** Comity Against Modern Slavery (France)
- 5. **Lea RAKOVSKY** BAN YING, e.V. Coordination and counseling center against trafficking in human beings (Germany)

Thursday March 3 - 9:30-11:30 (CET) - Session 3

Leading an ambitious and effective action in Europe and in the world

Encourage international partnerships and enhance European instruments to tackle root causes of exploitation - poverty, informality, lack of social protection and labour protection, presence of violence, certain social norms, gender and other forms of discrimination - all over the world; assess progress in implementation by periodical and efficient monitoring.

Kick-off speakers

- 1. Martha NEWTON Deputy Director General of the International Labour Organisation
- 2. **Renate HORNUNG-DRAUS** Vice President of the ILO Governing Body, chairperson of the Employers' group
- 3. Catelene PASSCHIER Vice President of the ILO Governing Body, chairperson of the Workers' group

Roundtable 1: European Responses

- 1. Diane SCHMITT EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator (European Commission)
- 2. General Dominique LAMBERT Central Office to Counter Illegal Employment (France)
- 3. **Cécile BILLAUX** Head of Unit, Directorate General for International Partnership (European Commission)

Roundtable 2: Civil Society's Actions and Proposals

- 1. Maria NYMAN Caritas Europe
- 2. Tim RYAN Global March against Child Labour
- 3. Martina LIEBSCH Catholic Forum "Living in I[legality" (Germany)
- 4. Karima MKIKA Association Al Karam (Morroco)

Roundtable 3: Social Partners' Actions and Proposals

- 1. **Isabelle SCHÖMANN** Confederal Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation
- 2. **Dr. Carmen BARSAN** Senior Advisor International Affairs, Economic and International Affairs, Confederation of German Employers' Associations
- 3. Andreas BOTSCH Special advisor to the President, Director of Europe & International, German Confederation of Trade Unions DGB (Germany)

Discussion

Interruption (5min)

Thursday March 3 – 11:30-13:00 (CET) – Session 4

Public policy recommendations

Propose public policy recommendations to enrich the application and evolution of national, European and international instruments, as well as the social clauses of the sustainable development chapters of European partnership agreements.

Moderation by: Cécile RIOU-BATISTA – Deputy General Secretary, National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (France)

Governments' Commitments and Recommendations

- 1. **Salima ADMI** Director of Labour, Ministry of Economic Inclusion, Small Enterprises, Employment and Skills (Morocco)
- 2. **Dr Carsten STENDER** Director General for European and International Employment and Social Policies, ESF, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Germany)
- 3. **Wilm GEURTS** Director, International Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, (Netherlands)
- 4. **Alma TANDILI** Chair of State Agency for the Rights and Protection of the Child, Ministry of Health and Social Protection (Albania)
- 5. **Anousheh KARVAR** Government Representative to the ILO National Focal Point for the 8.7 Acceleration Strategy of France

Proposals from Civil Society

- 1. **Geneviève COLAS** Secours Catholique Caritas France & the Collective « Together against trafficking in Human Beings » (France)
- 2. Sylvie O'DY Committee against Modern Slavery CCEM (France)

Discussion

Interruption (5min)

Thursday March 3 – 13:00-13:30 (CET)

Conclusion

The *Grand Témoin* and a panel of students deliver Feedback reports of the sessions and recommendations.

Grand Témoin: Zita CABAIS OBRA – the International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Board (ISTAC) of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) & Committee against Modern Slavery (CCEM)

Panel of Law, Journalism, Communication and Management students