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TO ALL ILO MEMBER STATES CONCERNED

Geneva, 28 June 2024

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up recalls that all Members, even if they have not ratified the Conventions regarded as fundamental, have an obligation arising from the very fact of their membership in the Organization to respect, to promote and to realize in good faith and in accordance with the ILO Constitution, the principles concerning the fundamental rights which are the subject of those Conventions.

In order to give the Organization and its Members the opportunity of regularly observing their efforts to promote those principles, the Declaration has a promotional follow-up, one component of which sets out to obtain, through annual reports requested under article 19, paragraph 5(e), of the Constitution, information from Members that have not ratified one or more of the fundamental instruments, on any changes to their law and practice with regard to each of the categories of principles and rights set out in the Declaration.

Members are requested to report online, using an online reporting tool (e-questionnaire).

You will receive in the next few days an email containing your unique login information and instructions for reporting online. If you do not receive the email within the next few days, you may wish to verify your junk email inbox. Please ensure that the Government's e-questionnaire is completed by the duly authorised responsible official and reaches the ILO no later than **31 October 2024**.

The online reporting tool, which covers year 2024, may be used by all Members with reporting obligations under the follow-up to the Declaration – both by Members that have not ratified all eight fundamental Conventions and those that have not ratified the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930.

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As you may know, the Conference of the ILO, meeting at its 110th Session, 2022, adopted a Resolution on the inclusion of a safe and healthy working environment in the ILO's framework of fundamental principles and rights. According to the Resolution, the Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 1981 (No. 155) and the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187) shall be considered as fundamental Conventions within the meaning of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998), as amended in 2022. In this respect, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that **the online questionnaire now refers to the above-mentioned Occupational Safety and Health Conventions. Your government is therefore required to reply if the Conventions in question have not yet been ratified by your country.**

May I please recall that, in accordance with article 23 of the ILO Constitution, a copy of your government report(s) should be communicated to the representative organizations of employers and workers in your country. *The ILO Governing Body has called upon governments to use the reporting process as a means of promoting social dialogue, in particular by involving the social partners in the preparation of governments' reports under the Annual Review. It has further urged employers' and workers' organizations to participate more actively in this process and to use the Declaration and its follow-up in keeping with their promotional spirit.*

The online reporting tool will allow you to create a PDF of your Government's responses for the purposes of circulation. In addition, any employers' or workers' organization wishing to complete a blank e-questionnaire may request its own login information by writing to declaration@ilo.org

For any questions you may have, please contact Mr Benoît Guiguet (guiguetb@ilo.org) or Mr. Samir Koufane (koufane@ilo.org).

Yours faithfully
For the Director-General:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Vargha', with a large loop at the start and a trailing flourish.

Corinne Vargha
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