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G-15 Joint Statement

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Mr. President
Honorable Ministers
Distinguished delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of Fifteen (G-15), a Group of Developing Countries representing Asia, Africa and Latin America that aim for mutually beneficial cooperation and collaboration while realizing sustainable development and economic progress.
2. The Group of Fifteen has identified the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a plan of action for the ‘people, planet and prosperity’ built on the three pillars of social, economic and environment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Group has sought avenues of cooperation in the implementation phase of the Development Agenda. As a niche Group of the Global South, the G-15 welcomes the constructive role that the International Labour Organization (ILO) is playing in the implementation of the Development Agenda.
3. The G-15 is of the view that ‘Decent Work’ is a vital pillar of the 2030 Agenda. The Group also acknowledges that enhancement of the working conditions for nearly 780 million working poor should be a priority. It is noted that the importance of decent work in achieving sustainable development is highlighted in Goal 8 of the SDGs which aims to “promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.” The G-15 welcomes the Report on “Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience.”
4. The G-15 supports the ILO’s prominent role in the realization of the sustainable development, and strives to eradicate poverty, to promote full and productive employment, to promote fundamental rights at work, and to foster social integration for stable, safe and just societies.
5. In this respect the G-15 is committed to enhancing capacities among its member countries through robust South-South cooperation initiatives and also seeks opportunities for collaboration with international organisations, including the ILO. In

this regard the G-15 wishes to engage with the ILO to seek opportunities for training and capacity building for its member countries, which would offer tangible benefits. This could be done in partnership with other international and intergovernmental organisations.

6. Our Group renews its commitment to work in the tripartite spirit, which is a principle in the ILO. In closing, the Group wishes this conference all success.

I thank you.