



## **European Union**

### **Statement**

**ILO Governing Body, 323<sup>rd</sup> session  
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**EU Statement**

Thank you chairperson,

I speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The following countries align themselves with this statement: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Albania and Norway.

We attach great importance to human rights, including freedom of association, and we are supportive of the important role played by the ILO in developing, promoting and supervising international labour standards. The European Union as well as its member States are engaged in the promotion of universal ratification and implementation of the ILO core labour standards.

We called on the Government of Fiji to respect its commitments regarding human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for democratic principles and the rule of law. We urge the Government to ensure that freedom of expression and assembly are respected.

At the last Governing body, we had underlined the importance of addressing the remaining shortcomings highlighted in the conclusions of the Direct Contacts Mission.

We had also encouraged the Government to take into account these conclusions and to amend or repeal labour laws that are not in conformity with ratified ILO Conventions.

We welcome the tripartite agreement signed this morning at the ILO, in the margins of the current Governing Body, in the presence of the Director General Mr. Guy Ryder. In this context we look forward to receive the joint implementation report at the 324<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Body in June 2015.

We endorse the draft decision point contained in paragraph 3 of document INS/7(Rev.1) circulated at 13.00.

Thank you chairperson.