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Thank you chair.

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

The following countries align themselves with this statement: Albania and the Republic of Moldova.

We attach great importance to human rights, including freedom of association and trade union rights, and we recognise the crucial role played by the ILO in developing, promoting and supervising international labour standards. Compliance with the ILO fundamental conventions and development of an environment conducive to dialogue and trust between employers, workers and governments contributes to creating a basis for social peace and sustainable growth.

We recognize that Venezuela is going through both an evolving political environment and a difficult economic situation. In this context, we call upon the Government to step up its efforts of consulting with both employers' and workers' organizations and engaging in constructive tripartite social dialogue processes in the country, as an important contribution for securing social and economic stability.

We support the decision point.