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International Trade Union Confederation

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Potential environmental, economic and social consequences, including spillover effects (of tools, policies, measures and methodologies available to Annex I Parties)

Thank you Chair,

Trade unions have consistently called for a better analysis of the social and economic effects of mitigation measures, and we welcome the development of this discussion.

This must lead us to an international methodology that will enable Parties and stakeholders to measure and analyse impacts of mitigation policies in jobs, income, competitiveness and poverty as well as other social, environmental and economic issues. This methodology should provide relevant actors with the tools to assess in an objective manner the impacts, as well as the appropriate criteria and the means for tackling problems inside Annex I countries and, of course, with regard to developing countries.

The methodology, which could be developed as UNFCCC guidance for Parties, needs to facilitate the assessment in a differentiated manner of the impacts of the different mitigation measures and approaches, inter alia:

- Emission trading, project-based mechanisms
- Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)
- GHG, sectors and sources categories
- Sectoral Approaches

As some of these measures have already been put in place, analysis of the social impacts could be started without delay.

Unions also agree with the EU and others on the need to better understand positive spillover effects which could compensate for the negative spillover. Trade unions have released a report on green jobs, jointly with UNEP and the ILO which made it clear that the climate change challenge and the decent jobs challenge can and have to be tackled together, and that this can also bring important opportunities for workers in developed and developing countries.