International Labour Organization (ILO)
Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. The International Labour Organisation hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

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2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.

3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.

4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to *support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions*.

5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.

6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.

7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance's reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.

8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

   In particular:

Knowledge support commitments

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Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

Informs of its capacity and readiness to support Alliance member governments in implementing, improving or scaling-up the following policy instrument types, referenced in the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments:

- Child and family support/benefits
- Conditional cash transfer programmes (CCT)
- Disability benefits (categorical and sometimes means tested)
- Environmentally conditional cash transfer (ECCT)
- Job placement/intermediation
- Maternity protection/benefits
- Unemployment benefits
- Public works, employment guarantee schemes and direct job creation including community development programmes
- Social pension (categorical and sometimes means-tested)
- Subsidized health insurance
- Subsidized/tailored access to social insurance (monotax, reduced contribution level)
- Support to livelihood diversification, particularly for rural population
- Training (vocational, life skills, cash for training, entrepreneurship)
- Unconditional cash transfer (means-tested focusing on family/household and/or covering multiple categories)
- Inclusive credit and financial services, especially for smallholders
- Interoperability of social information systems
- Payment mechanisms
- Social registry
- Progressive tax and fiscal reforms

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance's objectives:

- In its role as a standard-setting organisation, the ILO will continue to support countries in developing social protection, employment and economic policies and programmes aiming to implement international labour standards. Through its Global Flagship Programme on Building Social Protection Floors for All in particular, the ILO strengthens countries' policy, legal, administrative, financing and delivery capacities with a view to extending social protection to all members of society.
- In its role as co-lead of the Social Protection Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B) and the Global Partnership for Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (USP2030) and lead of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions, the ILO work towards improved interagency coordination and collaboration of development partners to effectively support countries in building their social protection systems.
- With regards to the Global Accelerator in particular, the ILO will support countries to develop integrated policy approaches for decent work and extending social protection to improve access to food and reduce poverty among rural populations, including through formalizing enterprises and workers in the agri-food system as an important mechanism.

- Through its International Training Centre in Turin, ITCILO, the ILO will continue to strengthen capacities of constituents related to core skills for the planning, design and implementation of public social protection schemes and programmes that are effective, efficient, inclusive, gender-responsive, sustainably financed, rights-based, well-governed and accountable.
- Generate and disseminate knowledge and information on the potential of two-dimensional extension of social protection, that build on both contributory and non-contributory social protection for preventing and reducing poverty, reducing inequalities, reaching higher levels of protection, ensuring sustainable financing of social protection systems and accelerating reaching universal coverage, in line with international labour standards.
- In its role as custodian of SDG indicator 1.3.1, the ILO collects and makes publicly available data and information on the extension of social protection, including in rural areas, and on national social protection systems, population coverage and adequacy of social protection benefits and expenditure by country and region.
- Depending on resource availability, the ILO will provide assistance to the Support Mechanism, in particular as regards its knowledge function, through the ILO's Brasilia Office.
- The ILO will support the promotion of the Global Alliance, including through the Global Coalition for Social Justice, and by nominating a representative for the Board of Champions.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.