



G-15 Joint Statement

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Mr. President
Honorable Ministers
Distinguished delegates
Ladies and Gentlemen

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of Fifteen (G-15), a Summit Level Group of 17 Developing Countries established to promote cooperation among developing countries for sustainable development and economic progress.

Labour is identified in our agenda as a central issue and employment is one of the pillar issues in this conference.

2. The Group observes that the world economy is undergoing a renewed period of turbulence and the recovery of the Global Economy is still fragile. According to many studies we are in a period of stagnation. The combination of the economic crisis and this stagnation impact the unemployment and social conditions as it was highlighted in many of ILO's studies and documents; Global unemployment is expected to increase by 3 million in 2015 and by a further 8 million in the following four years.
3. It is acknowledged that even if those numbers affect our countries in an unequal way, developing countries as a whole are vulnerable to the negative effects of economic crises. In particular women and youth in the developing world are affected by the increase in unemployment.
4. The Group of Fifteen calls for a unified action to enhance the employment of youth and women, to promote their rights and to include the objective of full employment and decent work in the discussions, particularly in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

5. The Group reiterates its full commitment to keep stimulating and harnessing the potential of South-South, Triangular and North-South cooperation in this important endeavour.
6. Finally, we welcome the discussions to find a solution to the impasse faced by the supervisory system of this Organization and we renew our commitment to work in the tripartite spirit, typical to the ILO. In closing, the Group wishes this conference all success.

I thank you.

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