

Intervention of the Labour Constituency at the plenary on 2 September 2020

Thank you, Madam Co-Chairs,

The labour constituency, represented by the International Trade Union Confederation, would like to express our appreciation to madam co-chairs, co-facilitators of all the thematic groups and the SAICM secretariat for their hard working.

And, above all, we are grateful to all stakeholders for their supports for labour including occupation safety and health, a just transition and decent work based on fundamental principles and rights at work, social dialogue and social protection.

However, we made a just small progress on labour which, I believe, is never enough at all to reach high commitments set by the global community, including the ILO fundamental Conventions on Occupational Safety and Health as well as the UN General Assembly decision on a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as an universal human right.

Hence, the ITUC will continue our efforts with our affiliates in 163 countries and with the ILO for promoting these human and trade union rights since Occupational Safety and Health is an integral part of the sound management of chemicals and waste towards sustainable development.

The IP 4 is adjourned today. However, we should continue our journey for the ICCM5. The labour, we are ambitious that we can have the new instrument at the ICCM 5 to realise the global commitments based on our advancement achieved this week.

In this regard, we would like to ask Madam co-chairs to ensure wider participation including the ministry of labour, international financial institutions, and more experts from trade unions and NGOs for upcoming discussions before the ICCM5 with our multistakeholder and multisectoral principle being kept.

Thank you again for giving us the floor.

I wish you all to have a safe journey back home.