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▶ Decent Work in Supply Chains

Recent Developments & Next Steps

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Recent developments

June-July 2022:
Tripartite Working Group on
Options to Ensure Decent Work
in Supply Chains
→ agreed building blocks for ILO
supply chains strategy

March 2023:
discussion of
strategy at the ILO
Governing Body

November 2022:
Governing Body approved Working
Group building blocks, requested
ILO develop comprehensive
strategy

▶ Building blocks for the strategy

- **Call for a “smart mix” approach**
- **Normative elements**
 - Consideration of supply chains in efforts to keep an up-to-date body of international labour standards
 - Closer links between supervisory system and technical and research work
 - Assessment of the impact and effectiveness of regulatory initiatives and of new normative and non-normative measures
 - Develop options for initiatives that complement the body of ILS
- **Strengthen use of MNE Declaration and its operational tools** (e.g. home-host dialogues)
- **Focus on enabling rights of freedom of association & collective bargaining**, including in EPZs

▶ Building blocks cont'd

- **Knowledge and practical tools**

- Develop a coordinated research agenda
- Support member states with data collection and analysis
- Strengthen the ILO Helpdesk
- Develop tools to strengthen the means of labour inspection in supply chains

- **Development cooperation**

- One ILO approach; SMEs; informality; sectoral approaches; South-South cooperation & coherent resource mobilization
- Focus on social dialogue and collective action



▶ Building blocks cont'd

- **Policy coherence**
 - Internal & external policy coherence, including multilateral engagement
 - Engagement with international trade architecture, labour provisions in trade agreements

► DG supply chain priorities

Improved coherence in support and action to advance decent work outcomes in supply chains

- Establishment of a **priority action programme**
 - ensure effective coordination and integration of policies and activities on supply chains
 - drive & deliver supply chains strategy

Supply chain, trade and investment policies are important entry points to advance decent work

- Harness trade and investment incentives to advance decent work in supply chains
- Effective implementation of labour provisions within trade and investment agreements particularly re: least developed countries

► DG supply chain priorities cont'd

Supply chains and responsible business conduct

- Social dialogue and collective action to identify and address root causes of violations of labour rights in supply chains and promote access to remedy – incl. in due diligence processes
- Data generation & evidence base
- Facilitate cooperation between public and private entities/initiatives
- Develop an authoritative framework and source of data and statistics on decent work in supply chains derived from constituents, the ILO and other sources

