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Business Urges G20 Partnership for Jobs Growth

Washington, D.C., April 19, 2010 – Business leaders from major world economies met with G20 labour ministers in Washington today, urging them to work more closely with the private sector to preserve and create jobs, and improve worker employability.

Labour and employment ministers from throughout the G20 will meet in Washington tomorrow to make recommendations on employment to G20 leaders.

“Education and training outcomes and the wider goals prioritized by the G20 leaders in Pittsburgh last year will only be achieved by governments working with business as partners in both policy and service delivery,” stated **Wiseman Nkuhlu** of South Africa, President of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE).

“Rapid and sustained economic recovery will drive job growth,” the business leaders said. “In this recovery, continued attention must be given to restoring conditions for sustainable private sector-led recovery,” according to **Charles P. Heeter, Jr.**, Principal with Deloitte LLP and Chair of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC). “This is the necessary path to maximize sustainable job creation.”

The IOE and BIAC jointly convened the G20 business delegation. Their main recommendations to labour ministers were:

- ▶ Review and reform regulation affecting business operations to better support a return to sustainable growth, investment and employment.
- ▶ Focus on employability for all groups including those at the margins of the labour market as a key priority, including to ensure support and incentive for job seekers and unemployed to move into employment
- ▶ Improve education and vocational training to help working people avoid unemployment and remain in the workforce during labor market crises.
- ▶ Harness more flexible working options, including temporary and part-time work, especially as a way of getting more people back into the workforce.

The International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC), have issued a joint Business Statement, available at www.ioe-emp.org and www.biac.org.

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