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New Global Commitment to Tackle Jobs Crisis

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Employers, trade unions and governments have reached an historic global agreement on measures to promote employment and enterprise development during economic recovery.

The **Global Jobs Pact** will today be adopted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conference in Geneva – the United Nations labour and social policy forum. It will be the first truly global identification of labour and social measures to combat the crisis, which brings together both the developed and developing world.

The Global Jobs Pact directly meets the challenge laid down by G20 governments in April – supporting employment by stimulating growth, investing in education and training and implementing effective labour market policies, whilst also focusing on the most vulnerable.

Having agreed measures which can combat the crisis, the hard work now begins.

The challenge for the ILO, international organisations, governments, trade unions and employers, will be translating these ideas into practical measures which actually make a difference on the ground. The true test of the new Pact will be its translation into more jobs in all countries.

The employers of the world are committed to ensuring the global jobs pact translates into more sustainable enterprises and therefore more jobs and a rapid and comprehensive global economic recovery.

The survival of private enterprises will be critical to that recovery.

The Global Jobs Pact underlines the key role the private sector must play in any recovery. It emphasises the importance of policies that support business survival, entrepreneurship and investment. It also identifies the development of small to medium sized enterprises, infrastructure development, and the positive role of rural employment, as measures to respond to the jobs crisis.

The Global Jobs Pact document will be available from: www.ilo.org.

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