Webinar STOP THE PANDEMIC: SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK CAN SAVE LIVES

World Day for Safety and Health at Work

28 April 2020 15:00-16:00 (Geneva time)

I. Context and background

The 2020 World Day for safety and health at work will be commemorated on 28 April 2020 and will explore the growing concern over the continuing rise in COVID-19 infections in some parts of the world and the ability to sustain declining rates in others. Governments, employers, workers and their organizations face enormous challenges as they try to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and protect safety and health at work. Beyond the immediate crisis, there are also concerns about resuming activity in a manner that sustains progress made in suppressing transmission.

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work will focus on addressing the outbreak of infectious diseases at work, focussing on the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim is to stimulate national tripartite dialogue on safety and health at work. The ILO is using this day to raise awareness on the adoption of safe practices in workplaces and the role that occupational safety and health (OSH) services play. It will also focus on the medium to long-term, including recovery and future preparedness, in particular, integrating measures into OSH management systems and policies at the national and enterprise levels.

Overall Objective: The general objective of this webinar is to raise awareness on the OSH dimension of the current pandemic and to share material to help raise awareness and support national tripartite debate on the pandemic and safety and health at work.

Main target audience:

ILO constituents at national level, national authorities, employers and workers and their organizations, OSH academicians and practitioners, in addition to the general public.

Panellists:

Mr Joaquim Nunes, Chief, LABADMINOSH - will introduce the panellists and objective of the discussion **3 minutes**

Remarks from ITUC- 3 minutes

Remarks from IOE- 3 minutes

Ms Manal Azzi, Senior OSH specialist and coordinator of the world day report and campaign - will present the main elements of the short world day booklet for 2020 and moderate the discussion?- 5 minutes

Prof Lode Godderis: Centre for Environment and Health, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, - will discuss how good jobs can minimize the impact of Covid-19 on health inequity, focusing on the mental health burden of the pandemic - 10 minutes

Ms Chris Laszcz-Davis: Founder and President of The Environmental Quality Organization (EQO) LLC, will discuss The New World Battleground With COVID-19: Challenges, Partnerships, Impact and Business- **10 minutes**

Kathleen Mosier, Ph.D.cPresident, International Ergonomics Association with **Sara Albolino**, PhD-EurErg will discuss: Work at the Sharp End: Human Factors Ergonomics for Protecting HealthCare Workers and Patients -10 minutes

Dr. Mosier with Michelle M. Robertson, PhD, CPE , will discuss Work from Home: Human Factors/Ergonomics Considerations for Teleworking – **10 minutes**

Tentative-World Health Organisation: Dr Maria Neira or Dr Ivan Ivanov?

Questions and discussion: 15 minutes

Closing: Mr Nunes