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**Statement of the Major Group on Workers and Trade Unions
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The Major Group of Workers and Trade Union from the Asia and Pacific regions would like to highlight several recommendations for the members to achieve sustainable developments with just and fair development goals for trade unions and workers.

We would like to express our association with the statement read by our colleague from the CSO and the statement of the CSO forum that will be distributed to everyone.

We call for the governments in the Asia and Pacific to address the growing informalisation and casualisation of labour, especially women labour, in the region that promotes job insecurity. We need to promote a comprehensive framework of workers rights that includes social protection, safety of workers in the workplace, and living wages

Please do not forget, in order to achieve this goal, we must adopt sustainable domestic employment development plans that includes continuing education and training to all workers as much as addressing gender discrimination in employment, ensuring workers' access to healthcare and civil protection.

You might need to be reminded that, children and labour trafficking are serious problems in this area. While there have been initiatives to combat these, actions should not violate the right to mobility nor should it result to other forms of exploitation of workers.

We wish to call the attention of states present here to also look into the plight of migrant workers, refugees and other cross-border migrants.

Migration in and out of the Asia-Pacific region should be a major concern. The volume of our people in the region migrating within countries in the region and outside points to the fact that migration is ever on the rise. We would like to point out that current migration of Asian and Pacific people is a by-product of inequities, unsustainable development policies, and the vulnerability of people to climate-induced displacement and disasters.

The recognition of the multiple dimension and scope of migration has led countries to look into the intersectionality of migration and development. This however is currently being discussed outside the framework of discussions on sustainable development goals and the millennium development goals.

Instead, it is driven by the desire to further increase the number of exported labour that will, in turn, increase the volume of remittance that is being touted as a motor for development.

We wish to recommend to seriously review this framework. We believe that such a framework will not prod sustainable development and will not address fundamental questions of underdevelopment, unemployment, poverty and the lack of domestic opportunities for a decent and secure life and livelihood.

We also urge the governments to respond to the condition of migrant workers in host countries especially those in precarious labour such as domestic. We urge states to protect and make safe the life and livelihood of migrants by eliminating all soft of unlawful power abuse and discrimination from any sector or authorities.

Finally, we would like to remind all member of the states to not only work on the papers but putting visible actions to curb these transnational issues with respect to responding to development justice.