

Resolution concerning best practices in road transport safety

The ILO Tripartite Sectoral Meeting on Safety and Health in the Road Transport Sector having met in Geneva on 12–16 October 2015,

Recognizing the critical role that the road transport industry and its workers play in the global economy and social and economic development of countries around the world,

Recognizing the need for fair and safe remuneration systems,

Highlighting that road transport workers in road freight and passenger transport, both intercity and urban, have some of the highest injury and fatality rates,

Underlining that the road transport industry is characterized and impacted by multiple supply chains and contracting chains which often lead to pressures on margins that can leave transport workers unable to exercise their fundamental principles and rights at work,

Taking note of good practices in the area of road safety and transport workers' health and safety in general and in particular the Safe Rates model,²

Recalling the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights which provide for the State's duty to protect against human rights' abuses and the corporate responsibility to respect human rights,

Recognizing the need to elaborate and implement models to avoid worker exploitation, unsafe practices and deaths in the industry, and to promote decent work for road transport workers,

¹ See for instance, *Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal*, <http://www.rsrt.gov.au/index.cfm/about-rsrt/what-rsrt/>, or P. James et al.: "Regulating supply chains to improve health and safety", in *Industrial Law Journal*, 36(2), pp. 175–176.

Invites the Governing Body to request the International Labour Office to:

- (a) conduct further research in consultation with tripartite experts in the sector on best practices including on the Safe Rates model;
- (b) use this research to elaborate and promote a handbook on best practice instruments;
- (c) convene, when appropriate, a tripartite meeting of experts to elaborate and adopt a code of practice or guidelines on best practices in road transport safety with the objective of protecting the community and road transport workers from all health and safety hazards, preventing accidents and promoting safe and fair remuneration; and
- (d) seek advice from academics and other experts on the development of the abovementioned code of practice or guidelines.