

**Group of the Americas (GRUA) Statement
on the decision to postpone the meetings
of the tripartite working group on supply chains**

This statement is submitted on behalf of the Group of the Americas (GRUA).

Chile, in its capacity as coordinator of GRUA delegations, wishes to express its concern with these last-minute developments, and we note that the description in the ballot of the circumstances surrounding the proposal to defer the working group meeting does not necessarily reflect the views of all constituents. We believe that the ILO should keep its business continuity by flexibly adjusting its proceedings to the current health crisis. In our view, in the current circumstances a fully virtual format would have been appropriate for this meeting. Should the present postponement gather consensus, this should not be considered, in any respect, as a precedent to justify future deferments of the ILO scheduled activities for the coming months. Finally, we reiterate the need to ensure that all constituents can participate on an equal footing in future meetings, irrespective of the format eventually adopted.