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The promotion and application of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration) in the Americas

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A regional follow-up to the MNE Declaration started in the Americas in 2014. The report *Multinational enterprises, development and decent work: Report on the promotion and application of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy in the Americas* was presented in a Information Session on the Implementation Strategy of the MNE Declaration at the 18th American Regional Meeting (Lima, October 2014). The Lima Declaration adopted by the tripartite delegates highlighted that “The ILO should provide assistance to its constituents in their efforts to implement concrete commitments through measures such as: (...) the promotion of the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy” (paragraph 18). Since then, the activities in the region linked to the promotion of the MNE Declaration have been informed by the guidance provided in the Information Session.

This new regional report has been prepared further to the adoption of the [revised MNE Declaration](#) by the Governing Body of the ILO in March 2017 and the [discussion of a global report](#) by the Governing Body of the ILO in March 2018 which summarizes the reports and conclusions of the tripartite discussions on the promotion of the MNE Declaration during the four regional meetings (2014-2017).

This report has been elaborated on the basis of information collected directly through a questionnaire sent to governments, employers’ and workers’ organizations of the 35 ILO member States of the region.

The report: (a) provides a short overview of the MNE Declaration its principles and operational tools, and highlights ILO activities in the region for its promotion and application; (b) describes the main foreign direct investment (FDI) trends in the region and briefly reflects on investment policies and frameworks that can attract FDI and trade; and (c) analyses the responses of governments and employers’ and workers’ organizations in ILO member States in the Americas, as captured in the questionnaire, on how they have promoted and applied the principles of the MNE Declaration at the country level.

The Information Session on the promotion and application of the Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy in the Americas will provide an opportunity to present the regional analysis about the promotion and application of the MNE Declaration in the American region and share ideas on other possible promotional activities at the regional level.