Resolution No.6

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

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WELCOMES
the decision of the 110th International Labour Conference on June 2022 to adopt the resolution to include a safe and healthy working environment in the International Labour Organization’s (ILO) framework of fundamental principles and right at work;

RECALLS
the resolution (A/76/L.75) of the UN General Assembly to recognise the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environments as a human right on July 2022,

FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS
occupational health and safety is also an integral part of sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery;

NOTES WITH DEPLORE
the fact that over 3 million workers are killed by occupational diseases and accidents, and almost 400 million people are injured by non-fatal occupational accidents every year with Asia and the Pacific being the most fatal region;

FURTHER NOTES WITH CONCERNS
among 36 ILO Member countries in Asia and the Pacific, only 9 countries and 8 countries ratified the ILO Fundamental Convention on Occupational Safety and Health (1981, No. 155), and on Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health (2006, No. 187) respectively;

CALLS ON
all the governments in the region to ratify and implement these Fundamental Conventions without delay, starting from a national tripartite dialogue to discuss, formulate, implement, inspect, monitor and review a national policy on occupational health and safety to ensure a healthy and safer working environment at all levels; and

DEMANDS
International organisations, including the inter-governmental organisations and the international/regional financial institutions, to work together for coordinated policies and actions to ensure occupational health and safety governance in their decisions and projects throughout global supply chains, as well as to improve national capacity on occupational health and safety with social dialogue being promoted, in particular, in developing countries.