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IOE suggested topics for the agenda of the Forum Fourth session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law on 24 and 25 November 2022

As part of the upcoming Fourth session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law taking place in Geneva on 24 and 25 November 2022, the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) would like to submit the following two topics for the agenda:

1. “Human Rights and good governance”: Presentation of the IOE Report

Under this theme, IOE wishes to provide the key takeaways from the IOE report prepared by the Texas University which explore what is known about the most effective means of improving labour conditions around the world, and to identify gaps warranting further research. Notably, the paper examines data and research related to five commonly cited agents of improvement: National Government action; Foreign/IGO Assistance; Trade Agreements (Social Clauses); Private Sector initiatives and Trade Unions.

This theme could include the following proposed panels:

- *Presentation of the key takeaways of the report*
- *“Private Sector Initiatives and good practices to foster human rights, labour conditions” as well as challenges faced.*

2. “Social Dialogue as Cornerstone of effective Rule of Law, Democracy, Strong Institutions and Social Justice”

Under this theme, IOE wishes to discuss and exchange on how and why social dialogue is key to policy-making and policy-development in order to increase effective rule of law, democracy and human rights, strong Institutions and social Justice.

This theme could include the following proposed panels:

- *“All-In-One: the positive spill-over effects of social dialogue on the rule of law, democracy and human rights”*
- *“Reinforcing Social Dialogue and the Rule of Law: opportunities and challenges”*

IOE thanks in advance the OHCHR for the attention given to these proposals and seizes the opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its consideration.