

## **IGWG 7<sup>th</sup> Session - Global Union Comments:**

### **Article 15**

Thank you, Chairperson. I speak on behalf of the global trade union organisations: ITUC, BWI, EI, IndustriAll, ITF, IUF, PSI, and UNI.

While we appreciate that this session is very much focused on building consensus around the draft text based on broadly agreed principles and concepts, we do not think that – over the past six years - we've had a satisfactory discussion on institutional arrangements. For the global labour movement, Article 15 falls below our expectations. Indeed, since the outset, we've been calling for a complementary international mechanism to oversee compliance with the Legally Binding Instrument. However, we think that, as a minimum, the functions and powers of the Committee should be strengthened by, among other things, having the ability to hear individual complaints. Therefore, we have two formulations for a possible new Article 15.4.

The first formulation is:

**States Parties recognise the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications and complaints from individuals, communities, or their representatives concerning human rights abuses by business enterprises contrary to the provisions of the LBI and violations by a State Party of any of the rights set forth in the LBI.**

And the second option:

**State Parties recognise the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications from or on behalf of individuals or groups of individuals or their representatives who claim to be victims of a violation by a State Party of the provisions of the LBI or victims of human rights abuses by business enterprises contrary to the provisions of the LBI.**

Thank you, Chairperson.