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NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC ENCLOSING THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE XXI INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF LABOR (XXI IACML) AND A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY OF ITS COUNTRY PROPOSING THAT THE XXI IACML
BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

***Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic***

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 The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML) and has the pleasure to enclose herewith the draft agenda for the XXI IACML with the amendments made by Argentina, as well as a note from the Minister of Labor, Employment, and Social Security, Dr. Claudio O. Moroni, in response to the note from the IACML of December 10, 2018.

 The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Technical Secretariat of the IACML the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., March 4, 2020

Technical Secretariat of the IACML

Organization of American States

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE

XXI INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF LABOR (IACML)

(Presented by the Government of Argentina)

Note: This draft is based on the decisions and discussions of the First Preparatory Meeting for the XXI IACML held in Quito, Ecuador, on December 5, 2019, and of the Virtual Meeting of Authorities on February 13, 2020.

**THEME:** **Towards a future of work with sustainable development,
dignified employment, and social inclusion**

TOPICS:

1. **Better linkage between education and labor to achieve the future of work we want**

Includes: life-long learning; skills development relevant to changes in the world of work, including soft skills; technical and vocational education and training (TVET); workforce development / professional training; youth employment; employment services; linkage between professional training and the formal education system; enterprise initiative; linkage between labor demand and training supply; and national and regional qualification frameworks.

2. **The contribution of the world of work to more just and equitable societies**

Includes: Labor inclusion and non-discrimination in the world of work; addressing vulnerable populations; combating inequality in terms of income, access to opportunities, and rights; employment formalization; promotion of sustainable enterprises; combating climate change; strengthening social protection; strengthening occupational health and safety; coordination between Ministries of Labor and other institutions in charge of economic and social policy; coordination between Ministries of Labor and civil society organizations.

Separate special subtopic: Gender equality; labor inclusion for women under equal conditions and free of violence; women’s empowerment

3. **Social dialogue to achieve a future of work with social justice**

Includes: Social dialogue as a means of conflict resolution; social dialogue in public-policy making; social dialogue to strengthen sustainable enterprises and fundamental principles and rights at work; social dialogue as an instrument to build trust among governments and social actors.

4. **Strengthening Ministries of Labor to face emerging changes in the world of work**

Includes: The role of Ministries of Laborin the review and formulation of public policies; training and human capacity building; enforcement of labor laws and effective exercise of fundamental principles and rights at work (freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining; elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor; effective abolition of child labor; and elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation); labor migration; labor inspection, including new forms of labor inspection in response to new forms of labor (digital platforms, among others)

***MINISTRY OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND SOCIAL SECURITY***

Buenos Aires, February 26, 2020

Mrs. Kim Osborne

Executive Secretary for Integral Development

Organization of American States

Madam,

 I have the pleasure of writing in reply to your note of December 10, 2019, in order to thank you for your good wishes and to confirm the interest of the ministry that I head to chair the XXI Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor. In that regard, I would like to propose that the XXI IACML be held in Buenos Aires from December 2 to 4 this year.

 To that end, I have instructed the Ministry’s Advisory Unit to move forward with the necessary arrangements for organizing the conference in our country in close collaboration with the Bureau of International Affairs and staff from the Department of Human Development, Education, and Employment of your organization.

 We thank you for the support shown and wish to assure you that the Ministry of Labor, Employment, and Social Security is eager to do everything in its power to collaborate with the Organization of American States.

 Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

 Dr. Claudio O. Moroni

 Minister of Labor, Employment, and Social Security

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