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The L20 calls on G20 leaders to take decisive and coordinated action to protect people’s lives and livelihoods and support an inclusive and green recovery by:

Laying the foundations for a New Social Contract for Recovery and Resilience

- Invest in jobs and quality public services, prioritising care services.
- Invest in climate-friendly jobs and infrastructure to reduce greenhouse emissions and promote a circular economy and sustainable development.
- Adopt industrial policies geared toward decent work creation and Just Transition plans for climate, digitalisation and technology.
- Extend social protection to all workers irrespective of employment arrangements.
- Invest in Social Protection Floors in the poorest and most affected countries by establishing a Global Social Protection Fund.
- Commit new financial resources and support developing countries to ensure a global response to the pandemic to avoid destitution and ensure resilience.

Defend and protect workers and jobs

- Establish labour protection floors with ILO Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, minimum living wages, maximum limits on working hours, and healthy and safe workplaces.
- Scale up and continue supporting job retention programs and workers’ incomes for as long as necessary.
- Protect frontline workers by declaring COVID-19 a workplace disease; ensure occupational safety and health standards and paid sick leave.
- Ensure all workers, regardless of immigration status, have their rights respected at work.
Economic recovery with social justice

- Build a roadmap for financing immediate and long-term economic recovery plans that build resilience against future global shocks. This requires coherence and international coordination.
- Invest in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda and invest in the Paris Agreement including by implementing the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development.
- Ensure trade deals contain effective enforcement of labour rights and environmental standards.
- Agree debt relief, including debt cancellation, and establish a permanent global mechanism for debt restructuring.
- Eliminate tax avoidance and evasion and take additional urgent measures to create fiscal space. Coordinate progressive taxation policies globally and set a minimum corporate tax threshold.
- Regulate Big Tech to end the surveillance business model and to protect workers from new forms of exploitation and informality.

The G20 Labour and Employment Ministers have made jobs, social protection for all and safety at work priority issues. They have committed to formalising informal work and ending the misclassification of workers in platform and other businesses. They promise to secure the livelihoods of young people and to achieve gender equality at work.

The G20 leaders should now act on these commitments and provide for a global response based on social justice.

We expect leaders to extend fiscal stimulus to all countries and ensure a robust recovery with resilience to keep workers in employment, secure their incomes, and formalise jobs.

Social dialogue and collective bargaining are key to designing effective policy, increasing ownership of global efforts, realising a sustainable recovery and ensuring that “no one is left behind”.

We ask the Saudi Presidency to take up these goals.

We request the upcoming Italian Presidency to pursue closer cooperation between the G20 Finance Track and the Employment Working Group to coordinate recovery plans with labour market measures and ensure policy coherence. A Joint Meeting between Finance and Labour Ministers is the least we would expect.

The G20 Summit comes at a critical time when we must continue to save lives whilst simultaneously laying the foundations for a recovery with a focus on quality jobs and resilience. We ask you, as leaders with the power to facilitate the pathways for recovery, to use this moment to invest in jobs, protect rights and living wages, ensure universal social protection, and ensure a Just Transition.

We call upon you to lay the foundations of a New Social Contract.