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Excellencies and Distinguished Co-Facilitators,

Subject: IOE views and recommendations on the LDC5 outcome document

We are writing to present the views and recommendations of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) on the Zero Draft of the Doha Programme of Action for LDCs ahead of LDC5, as well as share our planned activities for the conference.

IOE is committed to contributing to the implementation of this ambitious Plan of Action and will be in Doha at LDC5 to bring our members and companies to this critical event. We therefore look forward to leading on the private sector track of LDC5 to enhance dialogue between employer / business organizations from LDCs, potential investors, and governments to identify necessary actions to unblock investments, create conducive environments for entrepreneurship and job creation, strengthen access to global trade, and accelerate action to address flaws in governance systems.

Planned LDC5 activities:

Preparatory online country reviews for 5 LDC countries in partnership with the national employer organizations, on key priorities for unleashing the job potential of the private sector. We will address these questions: how should companies better integrate into the global market, attract investment, and strengthen governance systems? What is needed? Which are challenges? How to move forward?

-led side event at the 5th LDC Summit in Qatar with the participation of employer federations/associations from at least 20 LDC countries, potential investors, think tanks and academics, government representatives and leaders from relevant UN agencies.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration,

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