



## **Intervention on behalf of the Global Labour Movement**

### **Press Conference of the Just Transition Alliance**

#### **Following the publication of the INC5.2 Chair's draft text proposal of 13 August 2025.**

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From the perspective of global organised labour we would like to point out that - despite the concerning gaps and limitations of the new Chair's proposed text that have been well outlined by Delegates in the Plenary session and by earlier speakers in this press conference - we are pleased that a stand-alone article on just transition is in the text, and that it contains a clear reference to decent work.

It is important that the correct denomination ("just transition" and "decent work") stay as such and are defended and kept in the final text as this are the formulations enshrined in the 2015 Paris Treaty and in the ILO tripartite resolution and Guidelines on just transition. This consistency is also in line with the principle of non-retrocession of international law.

However, the current article (now Article 9) can be improved under three key points:

1. Use binding language and therefore use the tense "shall" instead of "should" – as binding obligations are within the mandate of the 2022 UNEA resolution 5/14 that underpins the INC process;
2. Refer to all workers and reintroduce the qualification along the full plastic life cycle to be more inclusive of all affected workers, and also refer to indigenous workers and communities;
3. Commit to concrete National Just Transition Plans, to measurable targets to assess progress, and adequate public funding.

Besides, the global labour movement emphasizes the critical importance of having a specific focus on the protection of health in the treaty, which must include occupational health and safety (OSH).

This is a major omission that negotiators must address if they want to have an effective treaty that protects human health and the environment.