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## **Statement of the Trade Union NGOs (TUNGO) at the Resumed High-Level Segment** Wednesday 19 November 2024

Dear chair,

I am Joy Hernandez, director at the International Trade Union Confederation Asia-Pacific. I speak on behalf of trade unions — the democratic representatives of workers — worldwide. We defend the rights and livelihoods of our nearly 200 million members.

I declare that I have no conflict of interest with the fossil fuel industry.

Workers are on the front lines of the climate crisis, experiencing its relentless impacts every single day. From factory floors to open fields, from cities to remote communities, workers face rising temperatures, air pollution, floods, droughts and wildfires that threaten their lives and livelihoods. According to the International Labour Organization, 70% of workers worldwide — amounting to 2.4 billion people — are now at risk from climate-related health hazards. This burden falls disproportionately on workers in the Global South, in conflict zones, and those in vulnerable sectors like care work and informal labour, where women are overrepresented.

Yet, the voice of workers and their organisations are too often sidelined from crucial discussions that are affecting their livelihoods and futures. We call on all governments to honour the commitments made in last year's Just Transition Work Programme and to take decisive action.

This means mobilizing radical and ambitious climate finance through a New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) that ensures a fair and equitable transition, in trillions not billions. Public, grant-based finance from Global North countries is urgently needed to support Developing Countries in building resilient, zero-carbon economies.

Above all, we need deep, systemic change that protects both human rights and workers' rights, with policies ensuring a future with living wages, safe and healthy working conditions, access to skill development, social protection, and long-term security. This is not just about sustaining jobs, but about creating new opportunities within an economy that respects our environment and upholds peoples' dignity.

And finally, climate action is also about ending violence, wars, conflicts and repression everywhere. There will be no climate justice without peace and social justice.

Ceasefire Now! Thank you.