The Philippines leads Global Dialogue on Decent Work and the Care Economy at the 112th Session of the International Labor Conference

Ambassador Carlos D. Sorreta of the Philippine Permanent Mission in Geneva during his chairing of the General Discussion Committee of the 112th International Labour Conference.

GENEVA, 03 June 2024 - Demonstrating the Philippines' steadfast commitment to decent work, Ambassador Carlos D. Sorreta, Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, accepted the appointment as Chair of the General Discussion Committee on Decent Work and the Care Economy at the 112th Session of the International Labor Conference, taking place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, from 3 to 14 June 2024.

At the opening session, Ambassador Sorreta underscored the critical role of care work in achieving sustainable development and fostering resilient economies.

"As the COVID 19 pandemic so clearly demonstrated, our societies and economies depend upon unpaid and paid care work to function, and to sustain human, social and economic development and well-being. The pandemic highlighted the centrality of care to decent work but also the serious challenges that persist in the care economy. In the face of significant transitions in the world of

work, finding and implementing solutions to these challenges is urgent," Ambassador Sorreta said.

Through a consensus-driven tripartite approach involving representatives from governments, employers and workers, the committee will engage in discussions in the next two weeks to adopt an outcome document that will provide references for a well-functioning care economy that promotes decent work, rights, gender equality and inclusion, and economic and social justice.

The General Discussion Committee is one of the main substantive committees of the International Labour Conference (ILC). The ILC is the highest decision-making body of the International Labour Organization and is held in Geneva every year. END

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