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The International Labour Office, speaking as an observer, welcomes the Marrakesh Ministerial Meeting as an historic landmark in the emergence of an international community worthy of that name, in other words a community which is more fully integrated and more respectful of the rule of law.

It has noted with great interest that many of the statements have addressed, often in different ways, the subject of strengthening the link between the necessary opening up of national economies and social progress. This was one of the subjects that marked the founding of the ILO in 1919 and is also among the issues dealt with in the report entitled "Defending Values, Promoting Change" which the Director-General of the International Labour Office, Mr. Hansenne, will be submitting to the next Session of the International Labour Conference in June 1994 on the occasion of the celebration of the ILO's 75th anniversary.

The International Labour Office hopes in this connection that the governments represented at Marrakesh will make a point of communicating the content of their statements to their delegates to the International Labour Conference next June, including employer and worker delegates, so that the discussion of the subject may be as fruitful as possible and an early contribution to building a bridge between an organization with a wealth of experience in this area and the new organization which holds such great promise for the progress and prosperity of the international community.