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Description:

On 21 April 2021, France expressed its wish to become an Alliance 8.7 pioneer country to the ILO Director General, through a letter signed jointly by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion, the Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness and the Secretary of State for Children and Families.

To this end, France wishes to strengthen its commitment to eliminating child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery. In addition to its support as Chair of Alliance 8.7, France wishes to hold a meeting of all French stakeholders, public authorities, social partners, business networks and associations to draw up an ambitious national action plan as soon as possible.

Implementation plan:

Under the leadership of the representative of the French Government to the ILO, Anousheh Karvar, France is currently planning a meeting of all French stakeholders through five dedicated working groups (business networks; social partners; international action; associations; French administrative bodies). Over the summer of 2021, their discussions will allow the mapping of the existing framework and all the actions carried out by France to achieve target 8.7 of the sustainable development goals, in particular the elimination of child labour. These works must also allow new measures to be identified that France will be able to take to improve its action.

Impact:

The works carried out in the context of the application for Alliance 8.7 pioneer country status are intended to improve the synergy and impact of the action France is carrying out against child labour, in its territory and around the world, based on its legislative framework, particularly the law of 27 March 2017 on the duty of vigilance of French parent companies.

France's action around the world is also exemplified in its public procurement policy and the European framework, through the requirements we set in terms of eliminating child labour from our trade agreements.

France's commitment is also demonstrated through its financial contribution to Alliance 8.7 to achieve its objectives: 2 million euros from the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and 2.4 million euros from the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Economic Inclusion.