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Business outlines recovery and foresight role for OECD to boost jobs and health

Paris, 10th July 2020 – This week, Business at OECD released two sets of tangible and feasible recommendations for OECD and governments to encourage job creation and health resilience post Covid-19. These recommendations were the basis for our contribution earlier this week in the OECD Roundtable Ministerial Meeting on Inclusion and Employment policies, and our bilateral dialogue with OECD Paris-based country delegations.

Eight business recommendations point to immediate analysis and actions OECD and its Member States should pursue to support quick recovery and maximize the uptake of sustainable employment. Addressing ministers and OECD at the meeting, Mr. Cesar Montemayor, our Executive Board Vice Chair, highlighted two of our recommendations: the need to tackle informality and promote job schemes that can preserve workers' livelihoods. Ms. Renate Hornung-Draus, Chair of our Employment Policy Committee, stressed the importance of improving transparency and cooperation with the business community and consultation of social partners in particular during times where face-to-face meetings are restricted as an essential condition for the success of relaunch policies. The full set of proposals, including actionable ideas to foster skills, youth employment, and inclusive labor markets, can be found here: http://biac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/FIN-10072020_Bringing-jobs-back-after-Covid-19-1.pdf

Recognizing the critical nexus between employment and health policy design and implementation, our global business experts identified five areas where OECD could play a foresight role to anticipate any future health shocks. Our recommendations, if implemented, would significantly strengthen resilience of health and safety systems, support innovation, identify effective prevention initiatives and enhance digital health. “We look to the OECD to promote evidence-based analysis and leverage its cross-disciplinary expertise to break silos and examine how to advance integrated health policy approaches, insuring in the process that industry is included and seen as a solutions partner in these discussions,” said Thomas Cueni, Chair of our Health Committee. The full set of proposals on health can be found here: http://biac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/FIN-10062020-Business-at-OECD_A-call-to-action_Business-recommendations-for-future-OECD-work-on-health-003-converti.pdf

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