

## CPTPP Labour Council

### Council Report

1. The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Labour Council was held virtually on 3rd March 2021. Delegates from the following CPTPP members participated: Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Viet Nam. Ms. CHIYA Mamiko of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, chaired the Council.

2. The Council agenda is attached at **ANNEX A**.

3. A summary of the Council's discussion and any outcomes agreed under the respective agenda items is set out below.

4. AGENDA ITEM 1: The Council agreed to adopt the Agenda.

5. AGENDA ITEM 2: The Chair provided welcome remarks, and briefed the Council on business arrangements.

6. AGENDA ITEM 3: Council members provided updates on their respective Contact Points for the Labour Chapter pursuant to Article 19.3.

7. AGENDA ITEM 4: The Council discussed its obligation to "provide a means for receiving and considering the views of interested persons on matters related to this Chapter", pursuant to Article 19.14.1. The Council agreed that each member will receive submissions from the interested members of its public and share them with other Council members. The Council also agreed that the Chair hosting the Council meeting can decide whether to organize a public session based on the agenda of the meeting. The Council noted the importance of holding the public session and each member recognized the necessity of ensuring public engagement and transparency when they chair the Council. Details on the specific method of sharing the received views of interested persons and how to hold the public sessions, will be considered in the following Labour Council meetings.

8. AGENDA ITEM 5: The Council adopted four priority areas for cooperation: (1)

Responding to the changing nature of work and employment, (2) Promoting occupational safety and health, (3) Promoting gender equality, (4) Promoting ethical and sustainable supply chains. Members exchanged information including issues to be improved, goals to be achieved, what role each members can play and expected support in these priority areas. Japan will summarize the information shared by the members and circulate in order to make use of the future discussion to progress General Work Programme.

9. AGENDA ITEM 6: Members were of the view that they finalize the Council report by correspondence. The Council has tentatively agreed that the next formal meeting of the CPTPP Labour Council will be held alongside the 2023 CPTPP Commission chaired by New Zealand.

## **ANNEX A**

### **CPTPP Labour Council**

<b>AGENDA</b>	
Date and Time:	3rd March 2021, 10:00 am(Tokyo Time)
Venue:	Video-Conference
ITEM 1:	Adoption of the Agenda
ITEM 2:	Welcome remarks and business arrangements
ITEM 3:	Contact Points Update (Article 19.13)
ITEM 4:	Discussion of Options for Public Input to the Council (Article 19.14.1)
ITEM 5:	Discussion of Priorities for Cooperation (Article 19.12)
ITEM 6:	Next Meeting and Council Report