



G7 Labour Ministerial Meeting

«Social G7»

Reaction of the W7

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Social G7: reaction of women 7's feminist ngos

The Labour and Employment Ministers of the G7 countries met in Paris on 6 and 7 June for the Social G7 Summit. At the end of this meeting, gender equality was recognised as a priority for the world of work as a whole. Women 7's associations are now waiting for these commitments to be taken at the highest level by the leaders of the G7 countries in Biarritz and to bring about concrete and lasting changes for workers around the world.

Occupational equality among the four priorities of the Social G7

The Social G7, which brought together the Labour and Employment Ministers of the G7 countries, trade unions' and employers' organisations, as well as several international multilateral organisations, identified four priorities:

- Strengthening multilateral cooperation for more social justice
- Promoting universal access to social protection in a changing world of work
- Preparing individuals for digital transformations
- Promoting occupational equality between women and men.

The Women 7, which had provided detailed recommendations to the G7 countries ahead of this Social G7, welcomes the inclusion of gender equality in both the G7 countries' communiqué and the tripartite declaration. G7 countries are committed in particular to tackling the gaps in pay, participation and access to employment for women, but also, among other things, to increase women's access to well-paying and highly skilled jobs.

While the Women 7 welcomes these commitments made by the G7 countries, we reiterate that these commitments must now be accompanied by monitoring indicators, ambitious targets and, above all, they must be taken up by the Heads of State and Government in Biarritz to ensure that occupational equality is really a priority for this G7.

Women 7's call to support the ILO Convention

We also welcome the support to the ILO Convention to combat violence and harassment in the world of work, as the International Labour Conference (ILC) has started this week. We now call on all G7 countries and employers' and trade unions' organisations to fully support an ambitious convention that incorporates broad and inclusive definitions of violence, of harassment, of the concept of workers and a broad vision of the concept of the world of work, which includes public and private workplaces.

The Women 7 associations will be vigilant to ensure that these various commitments are translated into concrete initiatives at the Biarritz Summit and beyond. Achieving real progress in occupational equality and women's economic empowerment is essential, especially under the French G7 Presidency, which has made gender equality one of its top priorities and has adopted a feminist diplomacy.



Media Note

The W7 (Women 7) brings together feminist organisations from G7 countries and around the world. Its main mission is to ensure that G7 countries make both financial and political commitments, in 2019 and beyond, that will have a tangible and lasting impact on the lives of women and girls around the world. For more information: <https://www.feministscount.org/>

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Le temps passe, les inégalités persistent.**