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The Tuvalu delegation is delighted to take part in this conference and more especially in this commission to discuss training and practicing the professions of 2030. Our delegation hopes that this commission will see fruitful debates arise and find the necessary solutions to our challenges.

The Tuvalu delegation emphasises its nation's commitment to addressing the challenges and opportunities in training and practicing the professions of 2030, especially in our constantly changing ans evolving world.

Our country's position regarding the training and practicing the professions of 2030 is complicated. We are constantly battling to keep our work force from leaving our country by trying to improve our work conditions and trying to find more job opportunities, but we are still losing more and more of our young work force due to the consequences of global warming and the constant threat of flooding. They prefer to immigrate to neighbouring countries, where the global warming threat is not as violent as here, and where they find more employment opportunities, amongst those countries, Australia is by far the country that gets the most of our young work force. Our work force rate has never been really high, in the 2024 ILO report we hard a labour force participation rate of 24.9 percent, and since then it keeps getting down. Our country is therefore in an urgent need to see its job conditions change and improve so that our labour force stays in our country and help us built its future.

Our country has been a member of the ILO committee since 2008 and has ratified many in-force ILO conventions, especially about labour force well-being, like the C161: Occupational Health Services Convention, 1985 (No. 161) or the C187: Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187). Our country has every intention of ratifying plenty more to see our working world evolve for the best with the well-being of its labour force.

The Tuvalu delegation therefore has only one wish: the well-being of our country's workforce as well as the improvement of working conditions, so that our young working population is encouraged to stay on our territory, in order to help it in its development and in its constant fight against the damage inflicted by global warming.

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