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Statement:  
The member countries of ECLAC take note of the progress made and appreciate the report of the International Labor Organization on statistics of the informal economy.

In the Latin American and Caribbean region, there is an agreement to advance in a conceptual framework that includes all forms of work and that is aligned with the measurement of the informal economy from the point of view of national accounts.

It is important for the region to advance in the regular measurement of the informal economy and its contribution to national production, since the phenomenon of labor informality is highly relevant in our labor markets. This happened especially in a pandemic context and, therefore, it is still a major public policy challenge, since it highlights the enormous gaps to incorporate a broad segment of the population into a system of contractual guarantees and thus consolidate legal regimes.

In this context, within the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA), during the next two years a working group will be carrying out an assessment of statistics of labor relations and labor informality, which seeks to advance in the statistical harmonization for the measurement of labor statistics.

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