



October 2015

Joint Statement

The OECD Ministerial Council Meeting on 3-4 June underlined the importance of continuing efforts to further strengthen the performance of National Contact Points (NCPs) for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (MNEs). The critical role of the OECD MNE Guidelines and NCPs was further underlined at the June G7 Summit, which encouraged the OECD to promote peer reviews and peer learning on the functioning and performance of NCPs while G7 governments made a commitment to “lead by example”.

BIAC, TUAC, and OECD Watch, representing respectively the views of business, workers, and non-governmental organisations in the OECD discussions on the MNE Guidelines, welcome this high-level recognition of the importance of the OECD MNE Guidelines and the functioning of NCPs. They support efforts to further strengthen the performance of NCPs, in particular those that have to catch up, including through the exchange of best practices and the organisation of peer reviews. They call upon the OECD to provide the resources necessary to fund an effective peer review programme and on governments of all adhering countries to ensure that their NCPs are adequately equipped and staffed to fulfil their objectives, as set out in the OECD Guidelines.