

► The Director-General

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Joint communication from Special Procedures (Ref. OL OTH 29/2023)

Dear Special Rapporteur, *Dear Ms Douhan,*

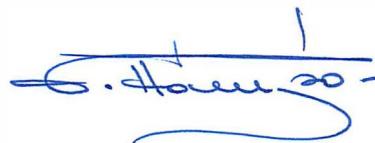
I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25 April 2023 concerning the decision of the ILO Governing Body, adopted at its 347th Session (March 2023), to recommend that the International Labour Conference consider at its forthcoming 111th Session (June 2023) measures under article 33 of the Constitution with a view to securing compliance with the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry established to examine the observance by the Government of Belarus of the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87) and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98).

I note that in your letter, acting in your capacity as Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 49/6, you seek clarifications on the application of the above-mentioned Governing Body decision, and more generally, on the ILO's procedures and practices for addressing a Member State's failure to carry out the recommendations of a Commission of Inquiry set up under article 26 of the Constitution.

I also note your request that your letter be transmitted to the Governing Body.

The Office will consider your communication and will provide a response, as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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