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**Statement of the seventh Global Civil Society Forum on the
outcomes of the Trade Union Assembly on Labour and the
Environment (WILL 2006)**

1. The annex to the present note contains the statement of the seventh Global Civil Society Forum on the outcomes of the Trade Union Assembly on Labour and the Environment at its first meeting – held under the slogan “Workers’ Initiative for a Lasting Legacy” (WILL 2006). The present note and its annex are being submitted to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at its ninth special session, as requested by the Global Civil Society Forum. The document containing the outcomes of the first meeting of the Trade Union Assembly on Labour and the Environment is also being submitted to the Council/Forum, as document UNEP/DPDL/TUALE/1.
2. The report of the seventh Global Civil Society Forum will be published under separate cover later during the first quarter of 2006.

Annex

Statement of the seventh Global Civil Society Forum on the outcomes of the first meeting of the Trade Union Assembly on Labour and the Environment (WILL 2006)

1. The Global Civil Society Forum welcomes the outcomes of the first meeting of the Trade Union Assembly on Labour and the Environment, "Workers' Initiative for a Lasting Legacy" (WILL 2006), organized by UNEP and the International Labour Foundation for Sustainable Development (Sustainlabour), the International Confederation of the Free Trade Unions, the Trade Union Advisory Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Global Compact.
 2. The Global Civil Society Forum also congratulates UNEP for having initiated this collaboration and encourages UNEP to continue to engage major groups, such as indigenous peoples, in order to achieve more effective environmental and sustainable development policies.
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