

12th July, 2019

Mr Richard Bruton, TD
Minister of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
Custom House
Dublin 1

Re: UN Climate Action Summit 2019: Advancing a Just Transition and the Creation of Green Jobs for All for Ambitious Climate Action

Dear Minister Bruton

As you are aware, the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres is convening the 2019 Climate Action Summit on 23rd September to raise the global level of ambition to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and to galvanise action that can limit climate change to 2°C and even 1.5°C as science now asks.

Congress is calling on you to ensure that the Irish Government signs up to the UN commitment to support a just ecological transition by formulating national plans for a Just Transition, creating decent work as well as green jobs, and taking the following actions:

- Creating mechanisms of inclusive social dialogue.
- Assessing employment, social and economic impacts of ecological transition and green jobs potential.
- Implementing skills development.
- Designing innovative social protection policies.
- Increasing transfer of technology and knowledge to developing countries as responsible investment.

We look forward to being partners with you in the implementation of these commitments and to strengthening the Just Transition elements of the recently launched climate action plan. Please send your agreement to sign up to this commitment to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations through the following email addresses: spdcast@un.org or andrea.guerrerogarcia@un.org. The Secretary-General is calling on all leaders to come to New York in September with concrete, realistic plans to enhance their nationally determined contributions by 2020, in line with reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050.

Unions know that only Just Transition can deliver the kind of ambition required to keep our planet safe and sustainable.

Yours sincerely



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