



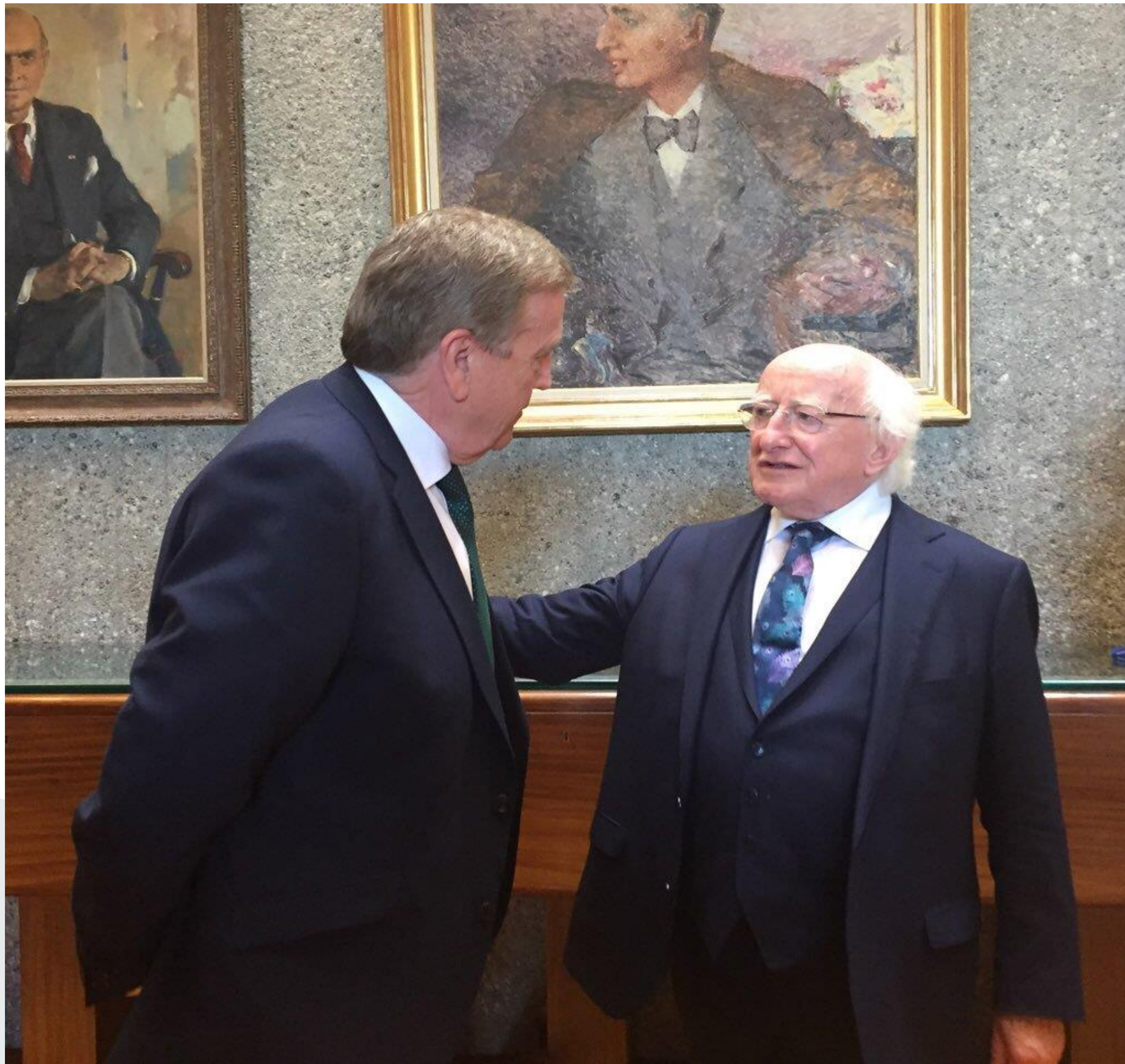
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Ireland and the ILO

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Edward Phelan

- First international civil servant
- Architect- ILO Tripartite structure
- Declaration of Philadelphia (1944)



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International
Labour
Organization

- Only tripartite UN Agency (Govts, Workers, Ers)
- 187 member states; promotes decent work for all; labour standards
- Ireland joined in 1923
- Ireland Titulaire (Voting/Speaking Rights) member of Governing Body 2017- 20





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Broader Context

- Multilateral system
 - Sustainable Development Goals- SDG 8
- 187 countries
 - Informal economy
 - Women at Work



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Labour Standards

- Conventions and recommendations
 - 8 fundamental conventions
- Supervisory system
 - Reporting
 - Committee of Experts
 - Complaint system



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ILO Governing Body (GB)

- Executive body- fortnight meetings (March and Nov), 1 day (June)
- 56 Titulaire members- 28 Governments+ 14 Workers + 14 Employers
 - 10 permanent Government members
- Ireland elected to Titulaire/Full Seat 2017-20; first time since we joined in 1923
- Speaking and voting rights; national position on each agenda item
- Interdepartmental Group- Social Partner Segment



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GB Agenda

- Wide ranging
- Maritime matters [DTTAS], gender equality [DJE], Sustainable Development [DCCAE], tobacco [DHealth], development cooperation [Irish Aid], statistics [CSO]
- Country cases; Qatar, Myanmar, Venezuela
- 24/7 contact points [ILO Interdepartmental Group; Social Partners]



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Tripartite Cooperation

- Ratification process
 - Domestic Workers Convention
 - Forced Labour Protocol
- International Labour Conference
 - Tripartite delegation
 - Convention on Ending Violence and Harassment in World of Work
- National Centenary Event- Dublin Castle, 17th September



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Centenary ILC

- Ireland played strong role
- CAS- country cases
 - Ireland Chair
- Standard setting- Violence & Harassment
 - Irish Tripartite delegation exemplar of Social Dialogue in action
- Centenary Declaration
 - Ireland EU Spokesperson





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Centenary Declaration

- Safe & Healthy Working Conditions- FPRW process
- Gender Equality; world of work free from violence and harassment
- Labour protection and decent work in Global Supply Chains
- Commitment to universal access to social protection
- Support people through transitions- promotion of skills
- Contribution of social dialogue- overall cohesion of societies, building of social justice
- Sustainable economic growth [Climate change]; just transition



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Date for Your Diary!

- Dublin Castle, 17th September
- Conference
- Phelan Lecture
- Register at ILO100@dbei.gov.ie