

**Statement by Turkey**  
**Agenda Item 173 (Observer Status for the International Trade Union Confederation in**  
**the General Assembly)**  
**at the Sixth Committee**

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Mr. Chairman,

We would first of all like to thank the distinguished delegate of France for her introduction of the draft resolution.

Mr. Chairman,

In addition to the request of observer status of the International Organization of Employers, Turkey is one of the initial supporters and co-sponsors also of the request for observer status in the General Assembly for the International Trade Union Confederation.

In this regard, we would like to convey our strong support for this draft resolution as well. We believe that it will form the basis for constructive cooperation and dialogue between the United Nations and the mentioned organization.

As explained comprehensively by the distinguished delegate of France, this organization, which constitutes another integral pillar of the tripartite structure of the International Labour Organization, has also made significant contributions to the work of the United Nations, in particular as it relates to the most current challenges that we face.

We hope that this organization will be accorded the status of observer in the General Assembly, which in turn will benefit the United Nations and the international community.

Thank you.