

**Joint Statement**  
**International Women's Day – 8th of March 2019**

We, the participants to the Sectoral Social Dialogue in Commerce, meeting in Brussels on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019, wish to express our solidarity to all women across the world; and in particular, to the women in Belgium who are going on strike on this International Women's Day.

International Woman's Day is a day to observe and reflect on those issues that women, in all walks of society encounter and fight against, every day such as pay and workplace inequality, gender inequalities, healthcare, education, racism, violence against women and control over women's bodies.

It is also a moment to reflect on the importance of women in society and their invaluable contributions to all aspects of life.

We express our solidarity and stand by the women who march and fight today, and every day, for a more just and equal society.

In solidarity.

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