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Item 3: Cluster Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences and the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order.

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Mr. President,

APG23 would like to thank the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and welcome her report.

Madame Bhoola, we thank you for having highlighted so clearly in your report¹ the condition of invisibility of some domestic workers, especially migrant women and members of marginalized community, that are all at high risk of falling into domestic servitude.

The positive contribution of migrants for inclusive growth and sustainable development is a reality and States need to do more to protect all migrant workers irrespective of their migration status.

The issues at stake are the dignity of every person and the respect of all human rights. As Pope Francis said - *“it is through free, creative, participatory and mutually supportive labour that human beings express and enhance the dignity of their lives.”*²

Therefore, all invisible workers need better protection and more efforts are needed to promote and protect their dignity.

We would like to thank also Mr. Sewanyana for his report and we welcome your election as new Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order.

We appreciate your intention “to execute the mandate ...working in a spirit of openness, frankness and transparency.”³; we look forward to engaging with you in the future.

All the thematic priorities that you have mentioned in your report are important but we would like to recommend that the international dimension and the connection existing especially with the international solidarity and the right to development mandates are kept among your “priorities”.

In our opinion, only promoting a common and shared engagement for the common good it’s possible to guarantee a better future for all.

Thank you!

¹ A/HRC/39/52

² Pope Francis – *Evangelii Gaudium* p. 192

³ A/HRC/39/47 p.11