GOVERNMENTS FROM COFFEE-PRODUCING AND COFFEE-CONSUMING COUNTRIES

All countries have an obligation to respect, promote and realize, in good faith, the principles concerning the fundamental principle and right at work of a safe and healthy working environment.

Countries, in consultation with organizations of employers and workers, should progressively set up national OSH policies, programmes, and systems and build a national preventative safety and health culture.

Vision Zero Fund’s work is based on a consultation process with stakeholders and reflects shared priorities, commitments, and actions to promote safety and health in the coffee supply chain.
Active engagement from governments is essential to building a national preventative safety and health culture. Recommended actions include:

- Ratify **ILO OSH Conventions no. 155** (Occupational Safety and Health Convention) and **no.187** (Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention) in consultation with the most representative organisations of employers and workers.

- Establish a comprehensive national occupational safety and health system in agriculture, encompassing a cohesive policy, aligned legislation, thorough inspection protocols, data gathering, training, and equitable protection for all workers.

- Implement OSH/occupational health research initiatives that focus on women workers.

- Support awareness-raising programmes in the media, trade press or social media platforms, including participating in the #CoffeePeople challenge.

- Host a joint event with Vision Zero Fund as part of the #CoffeePeople Technical Webinar Series to share expertise, data, and practical tools for finding sustainable solutions and addressing root causes of OSH challenges in the coffee supply chain.

- Take action to improve your national OSH system and programme, including gender-sensitive OSH legislation (including C184 and C190), compliance assurance mechanisms, data collection, and training, paying particular attention to those laws and policies covering the agricultural sector as well as young workers.

- Develop educational programmes, materials and appropriate advice and training for small farmers and small and medium size enterprises on OSH.

- Promote a joint initiative, support south-south cooperation activities, or a public-private partnership with OSH at its core.

- Promote good social practice among coffee multinational and national enterprises operating in your country, in accordance with the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration).

- Establish new or strengthen existing social dialogue mechanisms at national and sectoral levels, to ensure that employers’ and workers’ organizations actively participate and propose measures, programmes and activities to improve OSH in the coffee supply chain.