

STATEMENT OF THE DOMINICAN SUGAR INDUSTRY:

REQUEST FOR ILO ASSESSMENT

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The Dominican Sugar Industry (DSI), a coalition of the three private sector Dominican sugar cane producers responsible for all Dominican sugar exported to the United States, welcomed the tripartite letter sent today to the International Labor Organization requesting an assessment of working and living conditions in the Dominican sugar cane sector.

The DSI has been working for some weeks with the Employers' Confederation of the Dominican Republic (COPARDOM) and the trade union federation representing workers in the sugar sector, the National Confederation of Trade Union Unity (CNUS), in drafting such a request. The DSI expresses its appreciation to the Minister of Labor of the Dominican Republic for joining the effort on behalf of the Dominican government, making it a tripartite request for the ILO to undertake this much needed assessment.

The Dominican Sugar Industry supports a transparent analysis by the ILO that can inform all stakeholders on the working and living conditions in the entire Dominican sugar cane sector, and which will provide actionable data on the issues that require remediation. The DSI looks forward to energetically engaging with the ILO and the tripartite partners in launching this important initiative.

The Dominican Sugar Industry is comprised of the Central Romana Corporation (CRC), Consorcio Azucarero de Empresas Industriales (CAEI), and Consorcio Azucarero Central (CAC).

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