ITEM 7. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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The question how sustainable development (SD) can be reflected in financial decision making can be answered at international level by the implementation of a FTT and a stable financial framework to support SD policies. National governments AND the EU should press forward financial market re-regulation and supervision. They should abolish tax havens, tackle tax evasion and review investment treaties to ensure sustainable public finances. Fair taxation must be at the basis to build a sustainable society.

On question (b). it is easy to answer for the workers and TUs: They should be engaged through social dialogue on SD. Social dialogue is a continuous dialogue between business and workers on all issues that are of mutual concern and interest. This can take place both at national and international level. For all MG to be engaged we think this can best be done by creating a tripartite of even multipartite SD council in every country.

Going to question (d): National efforts can be supported through a European just transition roadmap, that should include the promotion of social dialogue, workers rights, and participation of workers and civil society. It should also include targets on quality job creation and transformation. The EU and national governments should recognise the importance of public authorities to guarantee universal access to water and universal services, as well as in strengthening the role and use of social and environmental criteria in public procurement.