

DECLARATION

by the Russian Tripartite Commission on the Regulation of Social and Labour Relations on the actions by the employers and workers in the context of preventing the spread of new coronavirus in the Russian Federation

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On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organisation announced a new 2019-nCoV coronavirus infection pandemic.

In the context of the spread of coronavirus and the resulting negative consequences for the economy, social partners — trade unions, employers and government authorities — emphasize the need for joint efforts to develop and implement measures to overcome its impact through social dialogue at the federal and regional levels.

The Russian Government is taking all necessary measures to protect citizens. The Coordination Council under the Government of the Russian Federation to combat the spread of the new coronavirus infection and Operational Headquarters to prevent the importation and spread of coronavirus on the territory of the Russian Federation have been established. Similar bodies have been set up by employers' associations and workers' organisations.

The Government has approved the Plan of Priority Measures (Actions) to ensure sustainable economic development in the worsening situation caused by the spread of coronavirus.

Information centre for monitoring the coronavirus situation has been established, special hotlines and websites launched, public opinion survey organised on the portal of the All-Russian "Jobs in Russia" bank of vacancies.

Parties of the Russian Tripartite Commission on the Regulation of Social and Labour Relations consider it necessary to take immediate and coordinated action:

- to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection;
- to maintain the competitiveness of organisations;
- to defend workers' labour rights, ensure stability on the labour market and support citizens' incomes.

To this end, public authorities, employer and trade union associations shall interact on the principles of social partnership, well-balanced and reasonable decision making, and mutual responsibility of the parties.

Parties of the Russian Tripartite Commission on the Regulation of Social and Labour Relations shall work out recommendations on the social partners' actions in the context of preventing the spread of new coronavirus in the Russian Federation.

During this period we call upon employers and workers to engage in constructive cooperation, calmly and precisely follow recommendations of the relevant public authorities in the light of the evolving situation.

We call upon public authorities and local self-governing bodies to ensure necessary measures to support employers, workers and their family members and to maintain social and economic stability in the regions.

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