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ITUC Inter-Regional Conference on Trade Union Action and Strategies on Forced Labour and Trafficking

9-11 September 2007 Venue: Hotel Armada Lorong Utara C,

Section 52, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, W. Malaysia.

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Draft Programme

9 September: Introduction on Forced Labour and trafficking, a global Trade Union Perspective

<u>Objective</u>: a clear view on the scope of both forced labour and trafficking and on how to identify victims.

9:00-9:30: Registration

9:30-10:00: Welcome, introduction and opening remarks

- Rajasekaran, General Secretary, Malaysian Trade Union Congress
- Jaap Wienen, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation
- Roger Plant, Head, Special Action Programme against Forced Labour, International Labour Organisation

10:00-10:15 Objectives and expected outcomes, participants' expectations

• Jeroen Beirnaert, Project Coordinator Forced Labour and Trafficking, International Trade Union Confederation

10:15-10:30: Coffee/tea

10:30-12:00: Presentation: Legal definitions and concepts, ILO standards and implementation mechanisms

 Alexander Iafaev, Department of International Labour Standards, ILO

12:00-12:30: Ouestions & Answers session

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:00: Presentation: Global trends in forced labour and trafficking

Typology, gender and regional distribution

• Mike Kaye, Communications Manager, Anti-Slavery International

15:00-15:30: **O&A**

15:30-15:45: Coffee/tea

15:45-16:30: Presentation: Global Workers' Alliance against

Forced Labour: the ILO's contribution



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• Roger Plant, Head of Special Action Programme against Forced Labour, International Labour Organisation

16:30-17:30: Presentation: Strengthening the international trade union movement's capacity in the fight against forced labour and trafficking

• Department for Workers' Activities (ILO-ACTRAV), (tbc)

17:30 Conclusions



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10 September: Trade Union Action and Strategies against Forced Labour and Trafficking

<u>Objective</u>: In-depth discussion on how forced labour and trafficking are core trade union issues and on different trade union approaches to address them.

9:00-9:30: Presentation and discussion on ITUC draft strategy to combat forced labour and trafficking

• Jeroen Beirnaert, Project Coordinator Forced Labour and Trafficking, ITUC

9:30-10:15: Roundtable: Global Unions' action against forced labour and trafficking

• Neil Kearney, General Secretary, International Textile Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (moderator)

10:15-10:30: Coffee/tea

10:30-12:15: Roundtable: National and local trade union action on forced labour and trafficking

• Simon Steyne, TUC Senior International Officer, Worker Member, ILO Governing Body, United Kingdom (moderator)

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: Panel discussion: regional trade union strategies against trafficking

- Peter Mathuki, Head Dpt. Of Human and Trade Union Rights, African Regional Organisation, International Trade Union Confederation
- Karim Radhi , Assistant General Secretary, General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions, Bahrain
- Carmen Helena Ferreira Foro, Vice President, Central Única dos Trabalhadores, Brazil

15:30-15:45: Coffee/tea

15:45-17:30: Panel discussion: regional trade union strategies against trafficking

- Tarique-Uz-Zaman, Coordinator Brotherhood of Asian Trade Unions, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- Dumitru Costin, General Secretary, Blocul National Sindical, Romania
- Roman Kravchyk, Head International Department, Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine

17:30 Conclusion

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11 September: ITUC Strategy against Forced Labour

<u>Objective</u>: The international trade union strategy and the ITUC policy should be clear, showing a plan of action, two pilot projects and a timetable for its implementation. High level trade union participants should have a clear and concrete view as on how they will contribute to the general ITUC strategy and its implementation through their own organisation in the coming years.

9:00-10:30: Final discussion on the ITUC draft strategy

• Jamie Davis, Country Program Director Indonesia/Philippines American Center for International Labor Solidarity (moderator)

10:30-10:45: Coffee/tea

10:45-12:30: Discussion: Priorities for a Plan of Action on Forced Labour and Trafficking for 2008-2009

• Jaap Wienen, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: Group work: Two pilot implementation projects

- Neil Kearney, General Secretary, International Textile Garment and Leather Workers' Federation (moderator)
- Other Global Union Federation Representative (tbc)

15:30-15:45: Coffee/tea

15:45-17:00: Presentation of two implementation pilot

projects

17:00-17:30: Evaluation, conclusions and recommendations

• Jaap Wienen, Deputy General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation



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