

Other affiliation issues

- Uzbekistan

As decided in the 15th General Council meeting in 2015 an ITUC mission to Uzbekistan took place from 28 February to 2 March 2017.

The report of the mission can be found in annex V.II.A.

The mission concluded that the Federation of Trade Unions of Uzbekistan (FTUU) cannot be considered as an independent trade union. However, the Associated status that had been granted to FTUU in 2015 gave us the opportunity to influence the FTUU policy and the Secretariat concludes that progress has been made on several issues (appendix V.II.B).

The mission recommended FTUU to take action on a number of issues. The FTUU developed an action plan to address them (appendix V.II.D)

Later in 2017 (6-11 October) the Executive Secretary of PERC visited FTUU again, his report can be found in annex V.II.C. The report includes some observations about the successes and disappointments on the monitoring of the cotton harvest in some regions of Uzbekistan and about the role of FTUU.

The Secretariat concludes that FTUU shows increasing interest in the policy and activities of the ITUC. Progress has been made on a number of the ITUC recommendations – the FTUU has played a leading role in putting pressure on the Uzbek government to ratify ILO C87, and by delivering international expertise from the ITUC and its affiliates and from the ILO, different levels of the FTUU structures can be involved in a more independent development of the Uzbek trade union movement.

The application of ILO C87, which will be in force in Uzbekistan from December 2017 will also enable new independent trade union initiatives to develop, which will stimulate FTUU to serve its members in a more effective way.

Although there is no reason to conclude that FTUU will develop into a real independent national trade union in the short term, the secretariat concludes that their status as Associated organisation enables the ITUC/PERC to stimulate FTUU to adopt a more open attitude to international labour standards and to their implementation.

Thanks to the formal relations with FTUU, the ITUC is now in the position to work directly with FTUU officers in the field, who are very interested in our policy and in our activities.

The secretariat proposes to extend the status of FTUU as Associated organisation for a period of two years and to continue the earlier agreement to report the developments of FTUU to the General Council on an annual basis.
