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MEMORANDUM INTERN

Pentru B.P.
An. Nistorescu
28/9/2007

Către: domnul Mihai Unghianu, Secretar general adjunct al Camerei Deputaților

Tema: Forumul privind Munca decentă în scopul unei globalizări juste (Lisabona, 31 octombrie – 2 noiembrie 2007)

Organizația Internațională a Muncii (OIM) și Uniunea Interparlamentară (UIP) organizează împreună cu Guvernul Portugaliei, în perioada 31 octombrie – 2 noiembrie 2007, la Lisabona, Forumul privind Munca decentă în scopul unei globalizări juste.

Scopul principal al organizatorilor acestei reuniuni este de a crea un dialog politic între actorii implicați în procesul dezvoltării durabile a economiei mondiale, mediului și societății. De asemenea, forumul oferă șansa demarării acțiunilor necesare pentru implementarea Programului Comun de Lucru, pe care OIM și UIP l-au dezvoltat în scopul mobilizării parlamentelor în jurul preocupărilor OIM legate de munca decentă.

Lucrările forumului vor fi împărțite în șase sesiuni de discuții care vor aborda teme referitoare la gradul de ocupare a forței de muncă, sporirea calității muncii, migrația forței de muncă, politicile privind protecția socială, unitatea politică a organizațiilor internaționale și oportunități de muncă decentă pentru tineri.

Forumul va reuni reprezentanți ai parlamentelor, guvernelor, societății civile și diverselor organizații.

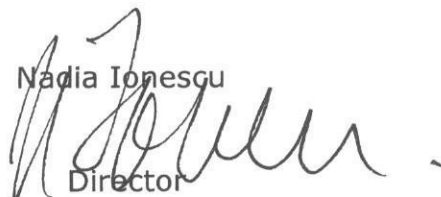
La această acțiune urmează să participe domnul deputat Gheorghe Barbu, președintele Comisiei pentru muncă și protecție socială a Camerei Deputaților, domnul deputat Kerekes Károly, secretar al aceleiași comisii și doamna Robertina Cucian, membră a secretariatului delegației parlamentare la UIP.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar, conform art. 3, lit. d din HBP 1/2003 cu modificările și completările din HBP 5/2007 .

Propunem:

- să se aprobe participarea domnilor deputați Gheorghe Barbu, Kerekes Károly și a doamnei Robertina Cucian la această reuniune;
- deplasarea să se efectueze cu avionul, pe ruta București – Milano – Lisabona și retur, cu plecare în data de 30 octombrie 2007, ora 06:15 (AZ 503) și întoarcere în data de 4 noiembrie 2007, ora 00:10 (AZ 502);
- să se acorde drepturi de diurnă categoria a II-a, 100%, pentru 5 zile, cazare plafon B, în numerar, pentru 4 nopți și un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;
- recalcularea cheltuielilor se va face la întoarcerea în țară, pe baza documentelor justificative.

Nadia Ionescu



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Comisia pentru muncă și protecție socială

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Către
DIRECȚIA DE RELAȚII PARLAMENTARE CU ȚĂRILE
EUROPENE, AMERICA DE NORD ȘI ORGANISMELE
MULTILATERALE ALE ACESTORA

Doamnei Director
Nadia Ionescu

Comisia pentru muncă și protecție socială a Camerei Deputaților îi desemnează pe domnii deputați Gheorghe Barbu, președintele comisiei și Kerekes Karoly, secretar, în vederea participării la Forumul privind munca decentă în scopul unei globalizări juste, care se va desfășura la Lisabona, în perioada 31 octombrie - 2 noiembrie 2007.

PREȘEDINTE,
Gheorghe Barbu



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Către: Direcția generală pentru afaceri externe
Direcția de relații parlamentare cu țările europene, America de
Nord și organismele multilaterale ale acestora

Prin prezenta, confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat Gheorghe Barbu, președinte al Comisiei pentru muncă și protecție socială, la Forumul privind Munca decentă în scopul unei globalizări juste, care va avea loc la Lisabona, în perioada 31 octombrie – 2 noiembrie 2007.

Cristian Rădulescu

Lider

Grupul parlamentar al PD



ILO FORUM ON DECENT WORK FOR A FAIR GLOBALIZATION

Lisbon, 31 October – 2 November 2007



International Labour Organization



Inter-Parliamentary Union

Geneva, 13 September 2007

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to invite your parliament to participate in the *ILO Forum on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization*, which the International Labour Organization and the Government of Portugal are organizing in Lisbon from 31 October to 2 November 2007.

The Forum will bring together some 250 to 300 participants from governments, employers' and workers' organizations, civil society and parliaments. Its aim is to create a meeting place for policy dialogue and action between people and organizations that are concerned with shaping a sustainable world economy, society and environment. There will be six workshops addressing the following questions: (i) Employability: Education, skills development and technology; (ii) Upgrading work and enterprises in the informal economy; (iii) Migration for work, within borders and internationally; (iv) Social protection policies for social cohesion and economic development; (v) Policy coherence among international organizations; and (vi) Decent work opportunities for young women and men: Overcoming discrimination and disadvantage.

The Forum also represents an important opportunity to start planning for the implementation of the Joint Programme of Work which the ILO and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) agreed to carry out in order to mobilize parliaments around the ILO Decent Work Agenda. We enclose a copy of this Programme of Work, which was adopted in October 2006.

The purpose of the Programme is to raise awareness in parliament of issues and experiences that are directly relevant to decent work and job creation, and to mobilize parliamentarians politically in helping to build national consensus around work and employment policies. The objective is also to promote

accountability and coherence of public policy at the global level, as recommended by the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization.

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Mr. Ion Solcanu
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We are therefore inviting you to nominate a leading member of parliament, whose work is in the field of job creation and related issues, to join colleagues from some 25 other parliaments on the morning of Wednesday, 31 October for a Pre-Meeting that is being organized by the IPU and the ILO. This event will be held at the venue of the Forum, the Lisbon AIP Congress Centre, and will begin its proceedings at 10.00. We hope to conclude our discussions by 13.30, and will then adjourn for a working luncheon. The participants are subsequently invited to attend the opening plenary session of the Forum, which will take place at 17.00 on the same day.

We enclose an information note on the administrative arrangements for the ILO Forum, and would encourage you to make the necessary accommodation reservations directly with the agency indicated in this note.

We would also be grateful if you could register your parliament's participation with Ms Jill Toedtli, Executive Assistant to the Secretary General of the IPU (fax: +41 22 919 41 60), e-mail: jt@mail.ipu.org; tel: +41 22 919 41 50. Ms Toedtli will be happy to provide you with any additional information you may require.

We very much hope that you will nominate a member of your parliament to attend this important event, and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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Director-General
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EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION

SOME IDEAS ON IPU-ILO COLLABORATION ON MOVING THE DECENT WORK AGENDA FORWARD

The context: Facing the global jobs crisis

The world is faced with a global jobs crisis that calls for a global response. As every politician knows, having opportunities for decent work is the most widespread democratic demand in the world today. Unemployment is probably the biggest security risk many countries are confronting; insecurity abounds and is having a profound impact on the credibility of governance structures – be it governments, the business community of international organizations. It is creating social tensions, threatening stability, and can even put democratic institutions at risk in some countries.

The biggest failure of the current model of globalization is that, in too many places, it is not producing enough work of the sort families need to achieve a decent quality of life in their own communities. Three billion people struggle daily to survive on less than US\$2-per-day. Some one billion people live on less than \$1-a-day. The majority live in the informal economy.

In the last ten years, official unemployment has grown by more than 25 per cent. There is a 430 million net increase in the global labour force in the next ten years, and about 40 million jobs would need to be created annually simply to keep up with the growth of the global labour force. And of the global unemployed, young people represent almost half.

The Decent Work Agenda Moving Towards a Fair Globalization: the ILO's response

The meaning of Decent Work

"Decent Work" is a people-centred development strategy based on four pillars: **employment and enterprise creation, rights at work, social protection and social dialogue.** It is the primary goal of the ILO "to promote opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity".

The Decent Work Agenda is a poverty reduction agenda and a common sense strategy based on organizing economic, social and environmental policies around people's central democratic demand for a fair chance at a decent job.

Fighting poverty is at the heart of the ILO's mandate. Its Philadelphia Declaration states that "poverty anywhere constitutes a danger to prosperity everywhere", and the four strategic objectives constituting the bedrock of the Decent Work Agenda, are the twenty-first century formulation of the ILO's mandate.

Employment: the missing link between growth and poverty reduction

Ensuring that employment and income are placed as a central objective of national and international development policies. More opportunities to develop the innate initiative, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of people. Increased access to skills development, training and employability. An enabling environment for investment, enterprise development – especially small ones, and a fair linkage to the global economy. Combining productivity and competitiveness with security and stability. The Inter-Parliamentary Union was in fact visionary when in 1997 it called attention to the urgency of this problem in its resolution on "employment in a globalizing world".

The ILO has long argued that employment is the missing link between growth and poverty reduction. Indeed, inequality is worsened when growth, which creates wealth, is not accompanied by decent jobs, which spread wealth, fostering consumption, and driving investments. In dealing with global imbalances, focusing solely on addressing trade or financial imbalances while not dealing effectively with the global decent work imbalance would be a serious political mistake.

Rights at Work

Respect for international labour standards, in particular freedom of association and collective bargaining, the elimination of forced labour, child labour and an end to discrimination at work against the most vulnerable, especially women. It means voice for all – especially the weakest in society. People at work need organization and voice to obtain recognition of rights. They need representation, participation and access to justice. Respect for core labour standards is the social floor of the global economy. Also labour ministries and labour courts that have the means to perform their functions.

Social Protection

Safeguarding people against the vulnerabilities and contingencies of work and life – unemployment, accidents, sickness and old age. Basic social protection must be extended to all, especially those living in poverty and working in the informal economy who are often not covered by labour legislation as well as creating bridges to the formal economy. Safer and healthier working conditions. Combating HIV/AIDS through the workplace. Identifying, based on experience, what is the best balance between private and public-led social security systems in diverse country realities.

Social Dialogue

Developing ownership and participation. Addressing workplace disputes and labour issues through dialogue within the enterprise itself, or at the sectoral, national and global level that counterparts may prefer. Fostering social cohesion at the national level. Social institutions where voices of all are heard – strong and independent workers and employers organizations. Creating

diverse possibilities for conflict resolution is a key development tool. Consensus-building between government, private sector, parliaments, trade unions, local authorities and citizens groups, among others, on key policy directions and tools to implement Decent Work objectives.

In a relatively short period of time since it was launched in 1999, the Decent Work Agenda has received widespread support as a necessary development priority on which diverse policies can converge at the national, regional and international level.

Global Recognition of the Decent Work Agenda

The Outcome Document of the UN World Summit in 2005 marked an unprecedented leap in global recognition – at the highest political level – of the relevance and centrality of the ILO's Decent Work Agenda for the entire international community.

For the first time ever, the United Nations General Assembly gave the ILO's mandate, values and contemporary expression of its strategic programme priorities and focus, such a prominent and clear place in the advancement of the overall international agenda.

Most significantly, Paragraph 47 addressed the crucial role of employment and decent work for all, in international and national policies and strategies, and reads:

We strongly support fair globalization and resolve to make the goals of full and productive employment and decent work for all, including for women and young people, a central objective of our relevant national and international policies as well as our national development strategies, including poverty reduction strategies, as part of our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. These measures should also encompass the elimination of the worst forms of child labour, as defined in ILO Convention no. 182, and forced labour. We also resolve to ensure full respect for the fundamental principles and rights at work.

By setting employment and decent work as a global goal, side by side with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the international community is filling a gap. The Outcome Document not only calls for employment and decent work to be a global goal in its own right, but also sees it as a means to achieve the broader set of internationally agreed goals, including the MDGs.

It links the goals of full and productive employment and decent work for all with fair globalization. In so doing, it recognizes the crucial importance of the economic and social dimensions of the world of work in making globalization more equitable and inclusive.

The Decent Work Agenda has also been endorsed in the Summits of African leaders (Burkina Faso 2004), in the Americas (Argentina 2005), in initiatives of the Asian Development Bank and elsewhere. All of this represents an exceptional endorsement of the objectives that the ILO has been putting forward to advance economic prosperity and social justice in the world. It demonstrates the support of the broader international community to the objective of making decent work a global and a national reality.

And most recently, it has been mainstreamed into the UN system by the High Level Segment of ECOSOC this past July 2006. In their Ministerial Declaration, the heads of delegations stated:

"We recognize that full and productive employment and decent work for all, which encompass social protection, fundamental principles and rights at work and social dialogue are key elements of sustainable development for all countries, and therefore a priority objective of international cooperation."

Opportunities to promote and operationalize this commitment have thus multiplied. Realizing them requires coherent strategies and partnerships at different levels, as well as action to integrate decent work objectives into relevant development frameworks.

The role of parliaments and possible areas of cooperation

The Decent Work Agenda connects with national politics. It is probably the most common and widespread demand – the demand of voters everywhere: "give me a fair chance at a decent job". Parliaments and parliamentarians can play a key role in searching for the agreements that can put jobs at the heart of national policymaking.

In its 2004 report, the ILO's World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization drew attention to the important role parliaments could play in helping achieve a fair globalization. In particular, in the area of global governance, where the key issue is better accountability to people, both in terms of setting the global agenda and assessing the results of global policies, and reviewing action by governments at the international level.

It recommended that parliamentary oversight of the multilateral system at the global level be progressively expanded. It proposed the creation of a Parliamentary Group concerned with the coherence and consistency between global economic, social and environmental policies, which should develop an integrated oversight of major international organizations. The Report stated:

"Parliaments can also play an important role in promoting accountability and coherence of public policy at the global level. Global parliamentary associations such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)...can encourage better performance and accountability on the part of international agencies."

Parliaments can also play an important role in the national accountability of governments in relation to the content and coherence of their policies in different international organizations. The report underscores this point when it said:

"Parliaments are the focus for accountability at the national level. They are the most important national fora for public debate about global issues and for reviewing action by governments at the international level."

The next steps: Joint ILO-IPU Plan of Action

- Four-to-five year plan to start 2007
- Develop programme of activities
- Annual Global Meetings
- Draw up recommendations for parliaments
- Best practices guide
- Regional exercises

Suggestions for some concrete areas of work

The ILO and IPU could start the collaboration process by tapping into the IPU's vast source of political and technical expertise and that of the ILO as a knowledge based organization, and by drawing on the ILO's tripartite experience of governments, employers and workers. The following concrete areas of work could provide a good start:

- The ILO and IPU could jointly host a workshop, bringing together a group of parliamentarians focusing on decent work and poverty reduction and mapping out a broader common strategy for the next 4/5 years.
- The IPU could look into creating a parliamentary (Labour and Social Affairs?) commission on decent work, which could then develop cross-party policy statements.
- Participation of parliamentarians in Decent Work Country Programmes, through which ILO assistance to constituents in member States is prepared and implemented, and which constitute the integrated framework for ILO cooperation in each country. It is also the contribution of the ILO to the "one United Nations" concept at the national level.
- On the policy coherence agenda, parliaments could explore further the consistency of policies in economic and social domains, with support from the relevant technical and substantive departments in the ILO.
- Promote regular exchanges between the two institutions – this could come in different settings and opportunities, for instance, the possibility of the IPU addressing the Working Party on the Social Dimension of Globalization of the Governing Body. Alternatively, the IPU could also propose speakers from national or regional parliaments who would give regular public lectures, under the auspices of the ILO's Institute of Labour Studies during either the November or March sessions of the Governing Body. The ILO, for its part, could make the Directors of its country and subregional offices available to address parliamentarians and parliamentary committees, and organize tripartite sessions for parliamentarians at the national level.

The ILO and the IPU could work together to identify 3 or 4 concrete issues of very wide interest where parliamentarians can propose specific measures. Possible areas of work could include:

- (a) Youth employment
- (b) Safety at Work

- (c) Promotion of small enterprises
- (d) Discrimination
- (e) Social Dimension of Globalization (see recommendation of Commission on the role of Parliaments)
- (f) Promote ratification of ILO conventions, for example the recently approved maritime convention
- (g) Within the framework of legal instruments, look into how international labour standards might help to support corporate social responsibility.

Geneva, October 2006



Draft programme

Wednesday, 31 October

From 15.00 Registration

17.00–19.00

Opening plenary session:

*Mr José Sócrates Carvalho Pinto de Sousa,
Prime Minister of Portugal*

*HE Mr D. Jayatilleka, Chairperson, ILO Governing Body
Mr Daniel Funes de Rioja, Employer Vice-Chairperson,
ILO Governing Body*

*Sir Roy Trotman, Worker Vice-Chairperson,
ILO Governing Body*

Mr Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General

Guest speaker

19.00–21.00

Welcome reception

Thursday, 1 November

09.00–10.15

Session 1: Employability: Education, skills development
and technology

Bridging knowledge gaps

Session 2: Upgrading work and enterprises in the informal
economy

Organizing for voice and participation

10.15–10.45

Coffee break

10.45–12.00

Session 1 (cont.)

Session 2 (cont.)

12.00–12.30

Guest speaker (plenary)

12.30–14.00

Lunch break

14.00–14.30

Guest speaker (plenary)

14.30–15.45	Session 3: Migration for work, within borders and internationally <i>Securing the benefits, diminishing the risks of worker mobility</i> Session 4: Social protection policies for social cohesion and economic development <i>Moving towards a global social floor?</i>
15.45–16.15	Coffee break
16.15–18.00	Session 3 (cont.) Session 4 (cont.)
...	Reception
Friday, 2 November	
09.00–10.15	Session 5: Policy coherence among international organizations <i>Creating the tools to make it work</i> Session 6: Decent work opportunities for young women and men: Overcoming discrimination and disadvantage <i>Equality in diversity: A dream or a necessity?</i>
10.15–10.45	Coffee break
10.45–12.00	Session 5 (cont.) Session 6 (cont.)
12.00–12.30	Guest speaker (plenary)
12.30–14.00	Lunch break
14.00–14.30	Guest speaker (plenary)
14.30–15.30	Report-back plenary session and discussion on next steps
15.30–16.00	Coffee break
16.00–17.30	Closing plenary session chaired by <i>Mr José António Vieira Da Silva,</i> <i>Minister for Labour and Social Solidarity, Portugal</i>