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Activities in January and February 2002

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USDOL PROJECT FOR INDONESIA: PROMOTING AND REALISING FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY BUILDING TRUST AND CAPACITY IN INDUSTRIAL RELATION

January 9th to 11th 2002, Jakarta (Indonesia)

Managers of the International Labour Standards and Human Rights Programme went on mission to Jakarta from January 9th to 11th, 2002. The mission's aim was to discuss with the Project's Responsibles and the national partners the agenda pursuant to which the Training Activities would be implemented in 2002.

All the exchanges allowed the Programme to obtain valuable information in order to design and implement the following courses:

- High Level Workshop for Judges and Lawyers on International Labour Standards, which should be held on March 4th and 5th, 2002;
- International Labour Standards and Globalization, which should be held from April 22nd to 26th, 2002;
- International Labour Standards and Emerging Issues for Employers (APINDO), which should be held from April 29th to May 3rd, 2002;
- Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining: A Course Designed for Employers (APINDO), which should be held from October 7th to 11th, 2002.

A3.2739 TRADE UNION TRAINING ON INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS AND THE ILO DECLARATION ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND RIGHTS AT WORK AND ITS FOLLOW-UP

Sub-regional, January 14th to February 8th 2002, Turin

The following Countries and Trade Union Organisations were represented:

- Bangladesh (Bangladesh Mukto Sramik Federation)
- Cambodia (All China Federation of Trade Unions)
- China (Cambodia Federation Independence of Trade Unions)
- Fiji (Fiji Trades Unions Congress)
- India (Indian National Trade Union Congress)
- Indonesia (Confederation of all Indonesian Trade Union)
- Laos (Lao Federation of Trade Unions)
- Malaysia (Malaysian Trade Union Congress)
- Mongolia (Confederation of Mongolian Trade Unions)
- Nepal (General Federation of Nepalese Trade Unions)
- Pakistan (Pakistan National Federation of Trade Unions and All Pakistan Federation of Labour)
- Sri Lanka (Ceylon Workers Congress and Ceylon Bank Employees' Union)
- Thailand (Labour Congress of Thailand)
- Vietnam (Vietnam General Confederation of Labour)

A study visit to the CGIL Congress in Rimini (Italy) took place from February 6th to 8th, 2002.

A5.5530 LES NORMES INTERNATIONALES DU TRAVAIL: MAROC, TUNISIE ET ALGERIE

Regional, January 23rd to 25th 2002, Marrakech (Morocco)

The above-mentioned Workshop for judges and lawyers from Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria took place in Marrakech from January 23rd to 25th, 2002.

It was the first step of a Training Project aiming to raise awareness towards international labour law and to encourage the use of International Labour Standards and the "jurisprudence" established by the supervisory bodies in the daily practice.

Participants were introduced to international labour sources and to their usefulness in the national legal practice. A database realised by the International Labour Standards and Human Rights Programme, and including more than 100 national decisions applying international labour law, was used.

Participants, who were representatives of the major judiciary institutions, played an active role in the identification of national institutions and organizations to be involved in the Training Project and in the definition of participants' profile.

They were also given the opportunity to reflect on the application of international labour law in their daily practice.

II WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

January 31st to February 5th 2002, Porto Alegre (Brasil)

The International Labour Standards and Human Rights Programme was present at the Second World Social Forum held in Porto Alegre. The Programme's activities have been presented in numerous Workshops organised in the frame of the above-mentioned Social Forum.

NEW RESEARCH AND PROMOTIONAL TOOL: CASE LAW - USE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BY NATIONAL COURTS

A preliminary and first-stage version of a database with examples of national judiciary decisions using international law, particularly international labour law, will be found, as soon as possible, on the web site of the Programme. Far from being exhaustive, it is comprised of short summaries explaining how international law was used in each specific case. The decisions are classified per country. The citations have been left in their original language and have been italicised for ease of reference.

The original decisions could be requested from the Programme. Provide us with your comments if you wish. Please do not hesitate to reproduce it, however, do not forget to acknowledge that this work was realised by the International Labour Standards and Human Rights Programme.

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