

Roundtable Meeting of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations on

Just and Favourable Conditions of Work

29 November 2011, 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm, Restaurant Vieux Bois

Rationale

Topics to be discussed will follow closely the sub-headings of Article 7 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which, in addition to the labour standards guaranteed in the Conventions and Recommendations of the International Labour Organization, recognizes “just and favourable conditions of work” as a human right.

Article 7

The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work which ensure, in particular:

- (a) Remuneration which provides all workers, as a minimum, with:
 - (i) Fair wages and equal remuneration for work of equal value without distinction of any kind, in particular women being guaranteed conditions of work not inferior to those enjoyed by men, with equal pay for equal work;
 - (ii) A decent living for themselves and their families in accordance with the provisions of the present Covenant;
- (b) Safe and healthy working conditions;
- (c) Equal opportunity for everyone to be promoted in his employment to an appropriate higher level, subject to no considerations other than those of seniority and competence;
- (d) Rest, leisure and reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay, as well as remuneration for public holidays.

Program

18:00	Welcome <i>Mr. Matthes Buhbe, FES</i> <i>Ms. Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry, ILO</i> <i>Mr. Simon Walker, OHCHR</i>
18:15	Introductions to the topic Article 7 a) <i>Ms. Heisoo Shin (CESCR), Ms. Laura Cox (CEACR)</i> Article 7 b)-d) <i>Mr. Renato Ribeiro Leão (CESCR), Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (CEACR)</i>
18:45	Questions and discussion in Plenary
20:00	Dinner discussion at separate tables
21:30	Reporting back on table discussions
22:00	Closure of the meeting

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