

PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

**To organizers, participants and guests
of the All-Ukrainian Tripartite Conference
on the occasion of the ILO 90th Anniversary**

Dear friends!

Let me express my congratulations with the opening of the Conference on the occasion of the ILO 90th Anniversary. ILO is a very important organization in the UN system taking care of the issues of social justice in the field of industrial relations.

This event is also important for Ukraine which during 55 years is an active member of the ILO uniting 180 member States. Cooperation with ILO helped us to understand better the OSH issues, promote labour rights and wellbeing of workers and non-discrimination at workplace.

Having ratified 63 conventions, and 14 out of them during the Ukraine's independence, Ukraine pays particular attention to the dialogue of the civil society organizations to overcome acute socio-economic problems of our State.

At the stage of global economic instability ILO's appeal to social justice and dialogue has become particularly important. Every State is looking for the way out crisis but the social cohesion is a common denominator for all.

I hope that the participants of the conference, representatives of the Government, trade unions, employers' organizations will focus as much as possible on the today's priorities and urgent needs of people – need in employment opportunities, social protection and labor rights protection.

Let me wish you fruitful work, inspiration and amazing achievements.

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