

## Russian trade unions mark ILO 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary

MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 22 April – ILO 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary was the first item on the agenda of the FNPR General Council meeting held in Moscow on 22 April 2009.

Mikhail Shmakov, Chairman of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FITUR) made a report entitled “ILO 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary: ILO Conventions and Recommendations and their impact on social and labour relations in Russia”.

Today, at the time of the global financial and economic crisis that threatens to escalate into a social crisis, Russian trade unions are concerned with the ‘insufficient implementation of the international labour standards’ in the country, Shmakov said. He suggested, as a timely measure, to discuss on how to utilize the ILO potential to the full extent in order to improve the national labour and social legislation.

Shmakov made a brief overview of the ILO history and its main achievements over the past ninety years. He spoke highly of the ILO’s Decent Work Agenda. Decent work ideas have formed the basis of the FITUR policy documents and are reflected in the programme of the United Russia party, Shmakov said.

Having discussed the report, the FITUR General Council adopted a resolution. The resolution stated that FITUR views the ILO as a foundation for its work. The federation considers as its priority to increase the role of international standards in the trade unions law drafting and human rights activities. The General Council will continue to develop its fruitful cooperation with the ILO, ACTRAV and the ILO Subregional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

ILO Subregional Director Martina Lubyova made a presentation at the meeting.

The General Council meeting was attended at the highest level. The Government was represented by Tatiana Golikova, health and social development minister; the State Duma (Parliament) was represented by Andrey Isayev, chairman of the State Duma’s labour and social policy committee.



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Mikhail Shmakov, Tatiana Golikova,  
Andrey Isayev*



*Martina Lubyova addresses the meeting*

*Eugeny Sidorov, FITUR Secretary and  
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