

**FOR DECISION**

SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General**Obituary****Mr Evgeny Sidorov**

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the death on 31 March 2010, of Mr Evgeny Sidorov, Russian trade unionist and former Worker member on the Governing Body and delegate to several sessions of the International Labour Conference.
2. Mr Sidorov was born in 1945 in Tallinn. He served in different functions in the trade union movement for 38 years, starting with the position of International Officer in the Agricultural Workers' Union. He advanced to become Secretary for International Relations of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FNPR), where he directed his efforts towards consolidating the international position of the FNPR as a major member organization of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). He had been a Worker member of the Governing Body since 2001.
3. Mr Sidorov served the interests of the labour movement through a period of transition with dedication and insight, bringing a remarkable level of knowledge to his work. He played a key role in the deliberations of the ITUC General Council, the Executive Committee of the Pan-European Regional Council of trade unions (PERC) and the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Trade Unions (GCTU). He attached great importance to the activities of the ILO in the Russian Federation, in Central and Eastern Europe and globally, and he was actively involved in many ILO programmes and projects in the framework of the programmes of cooperation between the Russian Federation and the ILO.
4. He dedicated his mental and physical energy to advocating workers' rights nationally and at the international level. His knowledge of the problems faced by trade unions in a transition period was widely solicited, and he was involved in many processes aimed at strengthening the capacity of union organizations. For his trade union work, he was awarded in 2009 the Russian Federation's State Order of Friendship. He was an accomplished linguist, and a man of engaging personality, combining a sharp mind with a sense of humour.
5. *The Governing Body will no doubt wish to invite the Director-General to convey its condolences to the Chairperson of the FNPR and to Mr Sidorov's family.*

Geneva, 14 June 2010.

Point for decision: Paragraph 5.