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Technical Workshop on Pension Portability Rights for Returnee Migrant Domestic Workers in Paraguay

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A tripartite workshop was organized by the ILO in Asunción, Paraguay, 21 March 2014, to discuss research findings and policy implications of a study on the challenges for the implementation of the right of pension portability for returnee migrant domestic workers in compliance with the ratified MERCOSUR treaty on Social Security. Participants to the workshop included: from the governmental side - representatives of the Vice-Ministry of Labour, Women's Ministry and Social Security Institute (IPS); from workers side - representatives of the most important trade union confederations (CUT-A and CNT) and the Domestic Workers Union (SINTRADOP), as well as employers organizations (APEP and FEPRINCO).

The study shows a disparity in legislation and public policy regarding labour rights of domestic workers in Argentina and Paraguay and suggests further collaboration within the MERCOSUR framework.

Several recommendations were collected from participants. Among them, the need to identify main challenges to reach out to migrant domestic workers and address their needs in order to have a comparative regional view on pension portability rights as well as to identify good practices to improve the implementation of these rights in Paraguay. The group also requested technical assistance from the ILO for the discussion in the Parliament of the bill on domestic workers in Paraguay. Representatives from all sectors requested a wide dissemination of the study, considering it as an important tool for awareness raising to improve the working conditions of both national and migrant domestic workers.

