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All-Ukrainian Union of Workers Solidarity VOST “VOLYA” discusses the Role of Trade Unions in the Protection of Migrant Domestic Workers

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One day sensitization workshop on migrant domestic workers' rights was organized for 28 leaders of VOST VOLYA on 6 December 2014 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The workshop was opened by Yuriy Kurylo, VOST VOLYA Vice President, and Sergiy Savchuk, ILO National Coordinator in Ukraine, and facilitated by three moderators trained within the Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers (GAP-MDW) ToT.

The objective was to build capacity of the trade unions' members and leaders of the VOST to reach out to domestic and migrant domestic workers, effectively protect their labour rights and raise awareness on the ILO Convention 189, including practical steps of the VOST to protect MDWs. Resulted from the workshop, 25 TU leaders from all over Ukraine discussed the ways they can prevent exploitation of the MDWs and ensure their decent work. The MDWs' Information Passport – tool developed under the auspices of the GAP-MDW - was requested to be further distributed within the TUs to their members and potential MDWs, especially in the bordering to Poland regions.

An implementation plan was adopted and included information campaigns, consultancy and advisory work, cooperation with relevant NGOs, church and trade unions in Poland – in particular TU Solidarnosc -, identification of potential MDWs through relatives, friends and existing networks, changes in national legislation and ratification of the ILO Convention 189. An important outcome of the meeting was adoption of the resolution calling for ratification of C189 and need for its active lobby through the activities of the VOST. The resolution was decided to be submitted to the Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers and President of Ukraine.

