SURVEY ON HOW OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY EXPERTS (OSEs) CARRY OUT THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT DO THEY THINK?

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE CLARIFIED
The roles and responsibilities of OSEs and those of the employers should be clarified and differentiated in law and practice.

- 54% of the OSEs suggest the efficiency of the functions and the responsibilities of OSEs could be improved by increasing their authority.
- 81% of the OSEs state that there were not enough code of practices to apply OSH legislation.

MORE FOCUS ON APPLICATION IN PRACTICE OF OSH PREVENTIVE MEASURES
More emphasis needed on the application in practice of preventive measures through training of workers and risk assessments rather than on concerns for formal fulfilment of legal requirements.

- 59% of the OSEs want to be paid by a source other than the Employers as this would be the most important way for them to achieve professional independence.
- 95% of the OSEs consider a full implementation of national OSH legislation was considered to be costly for the Employers.

EMPLOYERS

AVOID FREQUENT CHANGES IN THE AREA OF OSH
Government should carry out comprehensive studies to develop the legislation which would be valid for long years.

MEASURES TO BE DEVELOPED BY SECTOR, TYPE & SCALE
Measures and action should be developed by sector and type of enterprise, particularly focusing to the needs of small enterprises.

WORKERS

TRAINING OF OSH TO BE IMPROVED
Training of OSH delivered in practice to workers should be improved including the right to removal.

LIMIT STRESS CAUSED BY OVERPRODUCTION
Effective strategies should be developed to limit the negative consequences of stress at the workplace.

JUDGES

INTEREST IN IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE
Further training possibilities should be offered to the judiciary on OSH through pre-vocational courses, in-service training and seminars.

INADEQUATE EXPERT REPORTS
The availability and competence of court experts on OSH should be strengthened.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK
More attention to OSH could be drawn by establishing an effective communication network between the relevant public organization and the media.

- Respondents are not satisfied about the way how press evaluates news about occupational accidents: 72%
- Media should create public awareness of OSH in presentations of OSH related news: 50%
- The evaluation of the importance of OSH in the country considered as "important": 28%

Please check ILO Ankara website (http://www.ilo.org/ankara/lang—en/index.htm) for the full report of the survey to be published soon.