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Following the decisions made during the informal tripartite consultations on the working methods of the CAS in March 2019, governments appearing on the preliminary list of individual cases have now the opportunity, if they so wish, to supply on a purely voluntary basis, written information before the opening of the session of the Conference.

Information on the application of ratified Conventions supplied by governments on the preliminary list of individual cases

Kazakhstan

Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)

Kazakhstan (ratification: 2000). The Government has provided the following written information.

Dear Mr. Ryder,

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan (*hereinafter - the Ministry*) takes the opportunity to express its respect and gratitude to the International Labour Organization (*hereinafter - the ILO*) and to You personally and has the honour to extend its congratulations on the Centenary of the ILO.

From the perspective of long-term close cooperation with the ILO on 16th May of 2019, under the aegis of the XII Astana Economic Forum (*hereinafter - the AEF*), an International Conference in observance of the Centenary of the ILO (*hereinafter - the Conference*) to discuss the report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work (*hereinafter - the Report*) was held in Nur-Sultan.

The AEF is one of the largest and most important international forums held annually with participation of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and global leaders, international experts, representatives of governments, business and scientific communities, media etc. Within the AEF the most important socio-economic issues, global trends, new challenges and ways to address them are discussed.

More than 200 delegates attended the Conference, among which the main speakers were the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mrs. Gulshara Abdykalikova, Minister of Employment and Labour Relations of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Sherzod Kudbiyev and representative of the International Social Security Association as well as other international

organizations, foreign government officials, diplomats, national and foreign associations of workers and employers.

During the Conference, a comprehensive and constructive exchange of views took place on the various aspects outlined in the Report. Following the Conference the fundamental recommendations of the Report were adopted.

In addition, on May 20th, 2019 in compliance with the Roadmap for the implementation of the ILO recommendations, the Ministry submitted to the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan the Draft Law «On amendments and additions to some, legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on labour issues» (*hereinafter - the Draft Law*).

The Draft Law involves the exclusion of the mandatory vertical of trade unions, simplification of registration, empowerment of trade unions with the right to organize, conduct events with international organizations and implement projects aimed at protecting the rights and interests of employees in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as the exclusion from the national legislation the rules regulating participation of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan «Atameken» in social and labour relations.

The Ministry will continue to work on the further promotion of the Draft Law with the subsequent submission to the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

We highly appreciate the ILO's activities for its invaluable contribution and assistance in improving the legislation in labour and social issues, employment, occupational safety and social dialogue, technical assistance by providing consultations, recommendations and other training programs.

In this regard, we hope for further constructive cooperation aimed at the development of international partnership in labour sphere.

The Ministry avails itself the opportunity to renew the ILO assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Signed by

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