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**Ninth European Regional Meeting of the ILO
(Oslo, Norway, 8-11 April 2013)**

Dear Minister,

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Ninth European Regional Meeting of the International Labour Organization will take place in Oslo, Norway, from Monday, 8 to Thursday, 11 April 2013, at the Oslo Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel. This ILO Regional Meeting is generously hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway. We are therefore pleased to invite your country to be represented at the Meeting by a tripartite delegation.

The Regional Meeting, which takes place every four years, will give the Government, Employer and Worker representatives of the 51 countries of the European and Central Asian region the opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss possible responses to the financial and economic crisis that has severely impacted employment, social protection levels, social dialogue and compliance with labour law across the region.

The Office is preparing a report that will provide input for the Meeting's discussions. The report will address a number of important issues, such as creating job-rich growth, promoting high-quality jobs through social dialogue, tackling the problem of youth employment and demographic challenges, strengthening labour standards and enhancing policy coherence.

The discussions will be structured around interactive parallel sessions, with Heads of State and Government invited to participate in a specific panel session on Monday, 8 April. On the evening of the same day an informal Ministerial meeting, with the participation of selected Employer and Worker representatives, will focus on the issue of youth employment, while the policy coherence discussion will involve the ILO together with major international economic and financial institutions. The representatives of the European Parliament, the European Commission and several Ministers in charge of Finance will also be invited to participate in certain panels on Monday, 8 and Tuesday, 9 April.

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Please examine carefully the attachments included with this letter – a brief information note, the *Rules for Regional Meetings* (2008), and the form for submission of the credentials of your State's tripartite delegation. More details concerning the Meeting, travel and accommodation arrangements will be sent to you early in 2013. In the meantime, should you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact Ms Susanne Hoffmann, ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia (hoffmann@ilo.org), and Mr Pierre de Lame, Senior Administrator of the Regional Office (delame@ilo.org).

It is our profound hope that we may have the pleasure of welcoming you to this very important Meeting in Oslo.

Yours sincerely,

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