Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on occupational safety and health

Vladimir Putin is placing special attention on higher investment on good working conditions:

“It is easier and less costly to invest in occupational safety and health than to deal with the consequences of occupational accidents that may happen or happen as a result of negligent attitude to these problems.”

(from the meeting with trade unionists of the Leningrad region on 7th October 2010)
• “I think it is vital to speed up the introduction of a modern system of professional risk management…”

• “Unfortunately, the number of violations of occupational health and safety legislation has remained practically unchanged over the past three years. At present, more than 25% of workers spend their days in conditions that do not meet sanitary standards. This is a deplorable figure for our country, which considers itself a dynamically developing and modern state.”
“Improving labour conditions for workers is one of the most important components of economic modernisation in our country.”

“In all civilised countries social partnership is considered to be the most effective mechanism for improving workers’ social status. It is clearly imperative to stimulate employers to live up to their social responsibility.”

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