High-Level Tripartite Conference on Social Dialogue and Labour Law Reform for ILO Constituents in the EU Accession Countries

Tentative agenda

Friday, 28 February 2003

9h15 – 10h00 Welcoming addresses

Chair: Dr. L. Gonzi, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Policy, Malta

Mr. L. Gonzi, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Social Policy, Malta
Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director, ILO
Mr. D. Reppas, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Greece, holder of the EU Presidency
UNICE representative
ETUC representative

Coffee break

10h20 – 10h50 Social Dialogue at the National Level in the EU Accession Countries
Mr. L. Rychly, ILO

10h50 – 12h30 General discussion on the institutional and legal framework of National Tripartite Bodies

Lunch break

Chair: Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director, ILO

14h30 – 14h45 Social Dialogue at the national level in the European Union member States
Mr. B. Jansen, European Commission

14h45 – 16h00 General discussion on the functioning and influence of National Tripartite Bodies on economic and social policies

Coffee break

16h15 – 16h45 Labour law reform in EU-accession countries
Mr. A. Bronstein, ILO

16h45 – 17h30 Discussion on labour law reform
19h30  Reception hosted by Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director and Mr. F. Buttler, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, ILO

Saturday, 1 March 2003

**Chair:**  Mr. F. Buttler, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, ILO

9h15 – 9h45  Employment protection legislation and its effects on labour market performance  
Ms. A. Nesporova, ILO

9h45 – 10h15  Questions & Answers session

Coffee break

**Chair:**  Ms. P. O’Donovan, Director, InFocus Programme on Social Dialogue, ILO

10h30 – 12h15  Roundtable discussion on labour law reform followed by General Discussion on labour law reform and employment protection legislation
  
  Government representative  
  Worker representative  
  Employer representative  
  World Bank representative  
  OECD representative  
  ILO representative

12h15 – 12h45  ILO policy recommendations,  
Ms. S. Paxton, Executive Director, ILO

Closing speech by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Policy of Malta  
Dr. L. Gonzi

Lunch

14h30  Cultural Tour of Malta

20h00  Reception hosted by the Government of Malta