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C.c. Mr. J.-F.RETOURNARD
Director
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Dear Mr. Peñalosa,

The International Conference of the Heads of National Employers' and Entrepreneurs' Unions was held in Moscow on April 15, 2010 featuring heads and representatives of 15 unions from 13 Central and Eastern European countries, CIS and Baltic states. The conference resulted in the signing of an Agreement Establishing the International Coordinating Council of Employers' Unions (ICCEU), an informal national employers' unions' association aiming at exchange of information and discussing general problems arising as the world economy emerges from the economic crisis.

The President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) was elected Chairman of the ICCEU.

Most ICCEU members are also IOE members and as such profess a deep interest in expanding and strengthening their interaction with IOE.

We are supportive of the IOE efforts to revamp the existing forms and methods for safeguarding employers' interests amid the post-crisis development, strengthening businesses' institutional influence on working out global principles and approaches toward social and economic policy.

Allow me to express our sincere support of the IOE's efforts to strengthen the employers' stance in the global dialogue. We hope that the establishment of ICCEU will significantly contribute to the process.

Sincerely Yours,

Alexander Shokhin

Chairman

International Coordinating Council of Employers' Unions,

President

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