

**UKRAINE ILO Conventions## 81 (On Labour Inspection) and 129 (On Labour Inspection in Agriculture).**

***Thank you Mr, Chair I am speaking on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union, which represents over 50 million workers world wide***

IndustriALL affiliates have confirmed to us that in the majority of enterprises, especially in state owned and S & M Enterprises, the H&S situation comes close to being in an emergency situation.

Despite the fact that Ukraine has ratified ILO Convention 81, many bureaucratic obstacles hindering appropriate implementation have surfaced during the last years and it has been proven that there is no adequate funding and capacity for labour inspection

There is a lack of legal succession & follow up by the Government- It looks like every new government does not consider that it needs to assume responsibility for agreements and promises made by the previous governments. As result every new government starts its activity from scratch. For example, the Ukrainian government has approved but never financed and implemented the State Program to Improve H&S, Labour Hygiene and Industrial Environment planned for 2014-2018.

Due to this systematic lack of financial support there is a huge deficit of skilled H &S specialists in all responsible state bodies, including Labour inspection. It is thanks to the trade unions, that in 2016 some **2946 H&S violations** were registered in the Ukrainian coal enterprises, the Employers, government and the inspection were informed about the registered violations.

Additionally there **were 485 accidents in Ukrainian mines in 2016 only, YES! four hundred and eighty five** (which cost the lives of 12 miners) again the main reason invoked was the lack of funding for Safety measures. **H&S is chronically underpaid.** In the majority of enterprises the miners work on obsolete equipment without the necessary Personal Protection Devices, which leads to explosions in the mines, death and severe injuries to the workers. How much longer will workers bear with this?

In nearly all state coal enterprises miners work in inadequate working clothes as the enterprises provide only 50% of the protective work clothes required . In coal enterprises like 'KrasnoarmeiskUgol' and 'SelidovUgol' during over one year miners did not get new protective work clothes

IndustriALL and the ITUC undertook a joint mission to Ukraine this year in **March 2017**. After meeting with the different Ministries, the Global Unions expressed their concern about the lack of **real social dialog in Ukraine**. There are a number of simulated dialogue and formal meetings among government representatives, employers and trade unions but without any concrete outcome. This is actually a pure PR exercise which serves the purpose of ticking boxes and formally reporting to the corresponding bodies of EU that meetings were held, but these meetings do not address and solve workers problems and cannot be considered genuine social dialog.

***IndustriALL Global Union shares the concerns supports the demands of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine regarding the recent Bill passed by the Ukrainian Gvnt in May 2017 and recommends that high priority be given to setting up proper State Programs to implement H&S measures, including solid and competent H&S state bodies with highly skilled staff, which must be funded by the Ukrainian government in 2017 and in the following years.***