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**IOE welcomes the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan into Membership**

At the 31 May 2015 annual General Council meeting in Geneva, IOE members from around the world unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Management Board to admit the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan into membership.

CCIU was founded in 2004. With a membership of 26,000, it is the largest non-profit and non-governmental organisation of employers in its country, consisting of 14 regional and 190 district offices. Its main objectives are: the creation of a favourable environment for entrepreneurship development, enhancement of the business environment and assistance in the establishment of business relations between local and foreign entrepreneurs to assist the promotion of mutual trade interests.

Leading the welcome applause, IOE President Daniel Funes said that the organisation was “delighted to count CCIU among its members” and that the IOE “looked forward to a long and fruitful relationship.” In his thanks to the IOE for their confidence, CCIU’s Chairman, Mr Alisher Shaykov, expressed his pleasure at CCIU’s becoming a member of the global employer family.

*CCIU’s membership of the IOE brings the total number of members to 153 in 143 countries, further strengthening the organisation’s role as the global voice of business.*