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Meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan – August 2017

The IOE Senior Adviser for Europe and Central Asia, Alessandra Assenza, together with the ACTEMP Specialist from the ILO Office in Moscow, Vladimir Curovic, visited the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, an IOE member since 2015.

The main reason for this meeting was the need to explore new ways of collaboration with the Chamber, in line with the expectations of the recently renewed management.

The meeting was attended by the new First Deputy Chairman, Mr. Jasimov, as well as the Head of Business Education Department, Mr. Omonov, and Mr. Khakberdiev, from the Business Development Department.

Mr. Jasimov presented the new strategic vision of the Chamber based on 6 pillars:

- Legal protection and assistance for businesses
- Representation of civil society in criminal cases
- Assistance in establishing and doing business
- Access to external markets and Foreign Direct Investments
- Training for youth
- Improved collaboration with other counterparts and outside the country

He underlined that this vision is the outcome of the new adopted Uzbekistan Development Strategy for 2017-2021, especially related to Priority area number III “economic development and liberalization”.

After shortly presenting the IOE, its institutional role, areas of focus and strategic vision, Alessandra Assenza highlighted the activities organized by the IOE, the alliances recently established and the work undertaken on the Future of Work, the involvement in the G20 process and on the topic of Business and Human Rights. She finally presented the two upcoming events relevant for the region, the ILO European Regional Meeting, and the IOE meeting of Member from Europe and Central Asia, both taking place in Istanbul, in the week of 2-6 October 2017.

Likewise, Vladimir Curovic presented the role of ACTEMP and the differences with the IOE. He listed the projects in which the Chamber was involved (one activity on business and human rights was organized together with the IOE in April 2016) and emphasized the need to continue the work done with the previous management in terms of the strategic planning. Thus, the Chamber will be able to improve the representation of the interest of the employers’ community and the services offered to its members.