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The Doing Business Report is ten-years’ old. On this milestone anniversary, the President of the World Bank has appointed an independent panel to conduct a review of the Report and to make recommendations for mapping the way forward.

The panel has a website www.dbrpanel.org to solicit comments, which are invited by 12 April 2013. These relate to the following:

- **Purpose and Contribution of the Doing Business Report** – what is its relevance and value to private, public, economic, social and environmental development and sustainability concerns?

- **Doing Business Report’s Methodology** – how robust and impartial is the research methodology of the Doing Business Report and how might it be improved?

- **What is the Impact and Influence of the Doing Business Report** – what effect does it have on public and private decision-making and what are the ramifications?

The IOE intends to make a general submission, but I strongly encourage all IOE members to send a letter of support for the Doing Business process.

Over the last ten years, the Report has helped many countries in their reform efforts, and has provided dependable, fact-based information which employers’ organisations have been able to use in national policy advocacy efforts.

If you are able to contribute, the IOE would greatly appreciate being copied on your submittal.

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