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Press release

Prishtina May 29 2011- On the occasion of 1 May, Labor Day, the Union of Independent Trade Unions of Kosovo (BSPK) with support from the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) has organized a round table on 1 May - celebration or protest? On April 29, 2011 in the Hotel Prishtina.

In this table, along with others, were present, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Nenad Rashic, Zineta Daci, Behxhet Shala, Agim Shahini, Valon Murati, Kreshnik Cukaj.

1 May- International Labor Day, is marked as an official anniversary commemoration, which refers to workers' protests aimed at the greatest rights and freedom of association. On the anniversaries of that date is often the question on 1 May to celebrate or to protest?

BSPK, the last three years has marked this day by organizing protests. However, based on achievements in the last period and the fact unwillingness to exit mass protests in the past, this year BSPK decided to commemorate this day through a round table.

In this table discussed the numerous problems which Kosovar workers facing with. One of the main themes of this roundtable were Implementation of Labor Law and the issuance of the Law on Organization Union.

In addition Arifi said that one of the problems that are our country is facing with is unemployment and poverty, but also state the heavy conditions of workers employed in the private sector.

He added that many private company employees working without contracts, which is sanctioned by the Labor Law.

In addition, such workers also work part-time which do not receive adequate compensation. "If implemented Labor Law in its entirety, it will be released and many new work," said Arifi.

At the end of the table said that necessarily must be respected Labor Law and other legislation, otherwise it would have to be applied extremely high penalties, around 30 thousand euro.

From the table came the need to work in awareness of employees if their rights and freedom to organize their union, but also the employers to uphold these rights

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