

Press Release



Prishtina, 3 February 2012- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) has announced the support given to the Guy Ryder for General Deputy Director of the ILO, which will replace the current director Mr. Juan Somaviu.

There is no candidate with more experience in the ILO, than Guy Ryder. Guy Ryder possesses the qualifications, qualities and experience needed to lead the ILO, to protect human rights, decent work and social justice in general," said ITUC General Secretary Sharan Burrow. His experience in the ILO his values, knowledge, content of labor standards, the monitoring system, labor market institutions, social dialogue and employment policies make it a potential candidate, noted Sharan.

The world is facing economic and social crisis, and role of the ILO, is very important. The challenge for the ILO, is to demonstrate its capacity to bring value in terms of its task successfully. It must be strong and accountable in its commitment to the principles of social justice.

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Unification of international trade union movement was an extremely complex process. Ryder success in terms of transformation demonstrates the capacity and skills for effective leadership which is very important for the ILO said Burrow. ITUC, BSPK and other affiliates organizations around the world are exerting pressure to support his candidacy in this election which will be held at the meeting of the ILO Governing Body at the end of May 2012. Twenty-eight government delegates and 14 delegates, each from employers' organizations and unions, will vote in elections. ***