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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to invite you to a meeting on 5 May 2009 at the ILO headquarters in Geneva to discuss matters relevant to the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization (ILOAT) and the system of internal justice of international organizations. This meeting is in follow-up to the one organized by the ILO in July 2007 which was held to reflect on the impact of the ongoing reform of the UN system of internal justice on interested organizations. Like that meeting, we are inviting all international organizations that have recognized the jurisdiction of the ILOAT, as well as the UN, ICAO, IMO, the UN Administrative Tribunal and the ILOAT itself.

The purpose of the meeting is to focus on several significant developments since our last gathering. First, in view of the nearly definitive shape the UN reform operationalized through the General Assembly resolution last December (UN Doc. A/RES/63/253, 24 December 2008), the time has come for further common reflection on the implications of UN reform for the ILOAT and organizations recognizing its jurisdiction.

Secondly, this opportunity could be seized to discuss other issues of common interest, including, on the one hand, the current status of the ILOAT's backlog of cases and challenges faced by the continuous flow of requests from different organizations to join the Tribunal and, on the other hand, possible amendments to the Statute of the Tribunal and its financing. Among the latter questions is the issue of the possible granting to staff associations of a *locus standi* before the ILOAT. This question would benefit from updated consideration, which would include organizations that have joined the ILOAT system since the last discussion, and in light of the solution provided on this issue by resolution A/RES/63/253.

I would therefore propose the following agenda:

1. Update on developments regarding reform of the internal administration of justice in the UN – speaker, Mr Victor Rodriguez, current UN Joint Advisory Board (JAB) and Joint Disciplinary Committee (JDC) Secretary in Geneva.

2. Developments within the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO – panel or speaker(s), Mr Seydou Ba, President of the ILOAT, Ms Genevieve Gaudron, Vice-President of the Tribunal, Ms Catherine Comtet, Registrar of the ILOAT (to be confirmed).
3. Pending issues of reform of the ILOAT Statute and on its financing:
 - possibility for staff unions and associations to file complaints in their own name;
 - possibility for appeal of decisions of the ILOAT;
 - membership fee;
 - (speaker myself).

I invite you to meet at the ILO (4, Route des Morillons, 1209 GENEVA, Room VII, R2) on 5 May 2009, at 09.30 hrs. We will work until 12.30 hrs and will briefly resume our deliberations in the afternoon between 14.00 and 15.00 hrs. The debate will be in English and French, without interpretation. As with the last meeting, the result of our discussion will be summarized in a short report which will be circulated for comments, before its distribution, on a limited basis, for internal use of the organizations attending. Those whose schedules permit are welcome to be our guests for refreshments at the end of the meeting.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation (you may of course be accompanied by other colleagues, or delegate one or more colleagues) to the following electronic address: jur@ilo.org (Office of the Legal Adviser), telephone +41 22 799 6525.

With warmest personal regards, and looking forward to meeting you on 5 May 2009,


Guido Raimondi
Legal Adviser

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL OF
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION**

**Recent Developments relating to
the Administration of Justice**

**International Labour Office, Geneva
5 May 2009
9h30-12h30 and 14h00-15h00**

AGENDA

1. Update on developments regarding reform of the internal administration of justice in the UN

Speaker:

- ✦ Mr Victor Rodriguez, Secretary of the current UN Joint Advisory Board (JAB) and Joint Disciplinary Committee (JDC) in Geneva

Documents:

- ✦ Resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly at its 63rd Session in November–December 2008, Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/RES/63/253)

2. Developments within the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO

Speaker(s): to be confirmed

3. Pending issues covering reform of the ILOAT Statute and its financing

- a) *Possibility for staff unions and associations to file complaints in their own name*
- b) *Possibility for appeal of decisions of the ILOAT*
- c) *Financing of the operational (running) costs of the Tribunal*

Speaker: Mr Guido Raimondi, Legal Adviser, International Labour Office

Documents:

- ✦ ILO Governing Body of the International Labour Office, Office documents for the Programme, Financial and Administrative Committee:
 - 294th Session, November 2005: Matters relating to the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO, Statute of the Tribunal (GB.294/PFA/18/1)
 - 304th Session, March 2009: Matters relating to the Administrative Tribunal of the ILO, Statute of the Tribunal (GB.304/PFA/16/2)
 - 274th Session, March 1999: Matters related to the ILO Administrative Tribunal, Apportionment of the costs of the Tribunal (GB.274/PFA/14/1)
- ✦ For reference: Letter of Mr Raimondi dated 14 April 2009