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To: Mr. Guy Ryder
Director General
International Labour Organization

Mr. Director General,

On behalf of Tripartite Social Partnership Commission represented by – the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, Georgian Trade Union Confederation and Georgian Employers Association would like to address the International Labour Organization to support Georgia in assessing the coal mines in Tkibuli and involve experts under the auspices of the International Labour Organization.

The Tkibuli-Shaori coal basin was discovered in mid-19th century. Coalmines and Tkibuli enrichment factory began operation in the period of Soviet Union thus operating for many decades.

Today coal mining is performed by “Saknakhshiri (GIG Group)” Ltd subsidiary of LTD Georgian Industrial Group (GIG). Unfortunately, occupational accidents in the mentioned mines are frequent, sometimes with fatalities. The last tragedy occurred on April 5 this year, six workers died and three were severely injured. The investigation is in process to identify the causes of accident.

Majority of the city population (around 1250) is employed by “Saknakhshiri”, therefore welfare of the local population is highly dependent on operation of the coal mines.

On April 19th 2018`Tripartite Social Partnership Commission` made a joint decision to address the International Labour Organization with kind request to allocate independent and qualified team of experts to thoroughly assess technical conditions of the mines and identify necessary measures to decrease risks of occupational hazards and risks at the mines.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Minister

David Sergeenko