

Presentation of ILO Casebook of Court Decisions

on Forced Labour and Human Trafficking

Background

The Project "Strengthening of a comprehensive anti-trafficking response in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia", funded by the European Union, inter alia aims to contribute to the increase in national prosecutions both for the offence of the forced labour as such and trafficking in human beings for either labour or sexual exploitation.

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The ILO Casebook of Court Decisions on Forced Labour and Trafficking is part of the ILO's broader efforts to address forced labour through promotional means and technical cooperation. The Casebook fills an important gap.

The Casebook has been translated into Georgian and printed in the framework of the EU funded Antitrafficking Project.

Presentation

On 4 June 2010 media was invited to attend the official launch of the ILO Casebook at the UN House. The newly released ILO Casebook of Court Decisions on Forced Labour and Human Trafficking covers a range of national experience, from judicial decisions on forced and bonded labour in a number of developing countries, through to the more recent decisions on forced labour and trafficking in industrialized countries. In particular, it seeks to illustrate how national court decisions have taken into account the provisions of the

ILO's own conventions on forced labour, and how this may provide useful guidance for future court decisions.

Representatives of the EC, UN agencies (UNDP, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNAIDS, OHCHR, WHO, IOM, ILO), State Fund for Protection and Assistance to the Victims of Trafficking, High School of Justice, NGOs Anti-Violence Network of Georgia, Women's Information Center and Women for Future, have attended the presentation and participated in the discussion.

AGENDA

11:00 Opening Remarks

- Introduction Ms. Ia Dadunashvili, ILO NPC
- Ms. Ketevan Khutsishvili, EU Delegation to Georgia
- Ms. Marine Meskhi, State Fund for Protection and Assistance to the Victims of Trafficking
- Mr. Shota Rukhadze, Director of the High School of Justice
- 11:30 Presentation of the Casebook Ms. Ia Dadunashvili, ILO NPC
- 11:45 Discussion

Press Coverage

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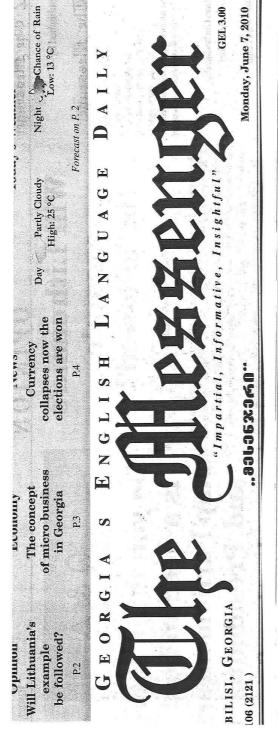
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Speaking at the presentation, ILO Programmes Co-ordinator in Georgia Ia Dadunashvili said: "The case-book does not include cases from Georgia. It includes cases from India, Pakistan, Brazil, France, Netherlands, and the United States. However, the ILO plans to collect Georgian case-law, insert it in the casebook and reprint it".

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