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Launch of a Campaign for Ratification of the ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Work in Ukraine

A strong political commitment to promote decent work for migrant domestic workers has been reached in Ukraine as a consequence of trade unions mobilization in a framework of the activities conducted by the Global Action Programme on Migrant Domestic Workers and their Families (GAP-MDW). In a country where there are no domestic workers organizations, an agreement was reached among the three main Trade Union Confederations to promote ratification of the ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Work.

In follow up to the dialogue on the role of trade unions in the protection of migrant domestic workers, three main Ukrainian trade unions initiated a campaign for ratification of the C189: the Trade Union of Education and Science Workers of Ukraine (TUESWU) produced a formal letter requesting the Head of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine to initiate the ratification process of C189; the All Ukrainian Organization of Workers Solidarity (VOST "VOLYA") adopted a resolution calling for ratification of C189 that was decided to be submitted to the Parliament (Verkhovna Rada), the Cabinet of Ministers and President of Ukraine; the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine (CFTUU) supported the call for ratification and proposed an extensive awareness campaign, which included dissemination of the Information Passports, developed under the auspices of the GAP-MDW, to potential migrants through the channels of the Confederation.

The request of ratification of C189 was well received by the Minister of Social Policy, who foresees further work to harmonize the Ukrainian legislation in order to mainstream "domestic work and domestic worker" and to include this process into the Plan of Action on Implementation of European Social Charter in 2015-2019. The final political endorsement was the inclusion of C189 to the list of international standards to be considered by the Council of Ministers of Ukraine for eventual ratification.

