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**10th European Regional Meeting of the ILO  
Istanbul, Turkey, 2 - 5 October 2017  
Website: [www.ilo.org/erm2017](http://www.ilo.org/erm2017)**

«Politesse»,

It is my great pleasure to invite you, together with the tripartite delegation from your country, to attend the *10th European Regional Meeting* of the International Labour Organization. This Meeting will be hosted by the Government of Turkey and will take place in Istanbul, from **Monday, 2 to Thursday, 5 October 2017**.

The purpose of the Meeting, which is organized every four years, is to review progress made in implementing the Decent Work Agenda since the 9th European Regional Meeting, held in Norway in 2013, and to discuss current and future challenges for the region. It will bring together national tripartite constituents from the 51 member States of the region. My report to the Meeting will set the scene for an in-depth debate which I believe will also provide inputs for the ILO Future of Work Centenary Initiative. The report will be published in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish.

I should like to invite you to consult the Regional Meeting website at [www.ilo.org/erm2017](http://www.ilo.org/erm2017), where you will already find the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, 2008, which govern procedures at the Meeting, and the form for the presentation of the credentials of tripartite delegations. When composing their delegations, Employers, Workers and Governments are strongly encouraged to strive for the goal of gender parity. The form must be returned to the Office of the Legal Adviser of the International Labour Office in Geneva by email to [credentials@ilo.org](mailto:credentials@ilo.org), or by fax: +41 22 799 8470, at the latest by **Monday, 18 September 2017**. An Information Note and a list of hotels at which the Office has negotiated special rates for Regional Meeting participants will be posted on the website shortly, followed by my Report to the Meeting and, closer to the date of the Meeting, by the provisional programme. All questions related to the Meeting may be addressed to: [erm2017@ilo.org](mailto:erm2017@ilo.org).

I very much hope that I shall have the pleasure of welcoming you to this important Meeting in Istanbul.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

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