

Brussels, 10 January 2014

**Subject : ASEM Seminar on the promotion of social dialogue, Brussels, 9-11 March 2014**

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

The Hanoi Declaration on Employment and Social Protection – A Key to sustainable and inclusive growth – adopted by the Fourth ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference (25-26 October 2012) welcomed in par. 27 (iv) the « future cooperation » on Social Dialogue proposed by Belgium and Indonesia. It is my pleasure to confirm this project to take place in Brussels on 10-11 March 2014 with a support of the European Commission.

The seminar will address « Social progress through social dialogue in a rapidly changing business environment » by highlighting in particular two topics :

- 1) The strengthening of institutions and processes of social dialogue, collective bargaining, and workplace cooperation.
- 2) How to encourage bipartite cooperation and cross-border social dialogue to address workplace challenges in plants integrated in international supply chains ?

The event will contribute to a mutual knowledge of common challenges thanks to exchanges of experiences and good practices in the area of social dialogue among ASEM countries, also in the context of ILO work.

A draft agenda for the seminar and the concept paper are attached.

The Co-Chairs, the Belgian Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue and the Indonesian Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration will welcome the attendance of two officials of your country: experts in social dialogue and/or ASEM contact persons in your national administration. We would appreciate as well you to suggest the nomination of a member of your delegation, if interested, to make a short presentation during a slot in the programme. In this case and where possible, we will enter later in contact with him/her directly.

Representatives of the European and International Organisations of social partners will take part in the event and some representatives of national organisations too.

I would be grateful if you could take care of a rapid registration of your national representation taking into account the practical informations to read in annex of this invitation.

I thank you for your support and look forward to meeting your delegation soon in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,



Pierre-Paul Maeter  
Chairman of the Board of directors