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## HTUR PERC Network Bulletin N°3 – June 2010 – May 2011

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### 1 - HTUR UPCOMING EVENTS

ITUC / ETUC	PERC HTUR
<p><b>Launch of the ITUC Annual Survey of violations of trade union rights – June 10th</b></p> <p>The Survey will be launched in Geneva on the 10th of June in presence of Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary.</p> <p>On that occasion, a <b>new Annual Survey website will be launched</b>. This will improve the readability of the text and make the information more easily available to the user. It will include among other new features interactive maps and search tools.</p> <p>A <b>circular</b> (including a print report and a USB stick) will be sent to all affiliates along with an order form allowing them to order more copies of the report E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@ituc-csi.org">info@ituc-csi.org</a></p>	<p><b>3rd PERC HTUR Network meeting – Beginning of September (date and place to be confirmed)</b></p> <p>Agenda and invitations will be sent to members of the PERC HTUR Network in the coming weeks.</p>
<p><b>100th International Labour Conference – Committee on the Application of Standards – 1– 17 June</b></p> <p>After the general discussion, the CAS will discuss 25 individual cases (short list) relating to the application of various Conventions based principally on the observations contained in the</p>	<p><b>Campaign on Georgia</b></p> <p>Following the <b>PERC Country Meeting on Trade Union Rights in Georgia, Brussels, 5 &amp; 6 May 2011</b> (see below), the ITUC PERC will launch a campaign and will ask its affiliates to conduct awareness-raising activities in countries of the European Union regarding freedom of association in Georgia.</p>



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<p>Committee of Experts' report and the oral and written explanations provided by the governments concerned.</p> <p><b>European cases included in the long list:</b>        Azerbaijan (C138), Belarus (C87-98); Greece (C87-98); Latvia (C150), Netherlands (C121), Romania (C87-98), Russia (C87-98); Serbia (C87-98); Uzbekistan (C182) and Turkey (C87).</p> <p><b>See Circular N°17(2011) Long list of individual cases sent on 17-05 and forwarded to the Network on 19-05</b></p> <p>Report of the CEACR see:  <a href="http://www.ilo.org/global/standards/WCMS_151490/lang-en/index.htm">http://www.ilo.org/global/standards/WCMS_151490/lang-en/index.htm</a></p>	<p>A short summary of the situation in the country will be communicated to the affiliates for further dissemination and for "ready use" in liaising with their respective governments as well as with European institutions.</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> ITUC HTUR Committee Annual meeting - 16 October (TBC)</b></p>	

## 2 - HTUR REQUESTED ACTIONS

ITUC Annual Survey of violations of trade union rights	ILO work
<p>The ITUC would appreciate affiliates' assistance in ensuring the <b>broad distribution of the Survey in their country</b> including to their government, their membership, academics and NGOs.</p> <p>The ITUC HTUR department also kindly requests its affiliates to send information on trade union rights violations throughout the year for the <b>2012 edition</b>.</p>	<p>Comments to the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR) (submission of observations to the Experts under Article 22 of the ILO Constitution) on ratified conventions (only) on which <b>each country is to report on in 2011 have to be provided at the latest by the end of August to the ILO's International Labour Standards Department (<a href="mailto:normes@ilo.org">normes@ilo.org</a>)</b>. Please send a copy to the ITUC. This can be done whether directly or through their regional or international bodies (ITUC in this case). On the basis of elements so provided, the Committee of Experts drafts its annual report, which it examines in November and then publishes in March. This report serves in particular as a basis</p>



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	<p>for discussion in the Committee on the Application of Standards (CAS) at the International Labour Conference in June.</p>
<p><b>HTUR Countries at Risk Campaign</b>          The HTUR campaigns targeting Countries at risk represents an important pillar of the ITUC ongoing work and has been incorporated into all the HTUR Regional Network work plans for follow up.          In an email sent on the 17-05, the HTUR Department asked each affiliate to return an excel table indicating which countries at risk campaigns their organisation are prepared to be involved in. The dept. will also approach a number of friendly NGOs like Amnesty International and the FIDH.   <b>See email sent on 17-05-2011 – HTUR campaigns targeting Countries at risk</b></p>	

## 3 - HTUR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES – June 2010 - 2011

ITUC / PERC HTUR Meetings	Events / Conferences
<p><b>PERC HTUR Network for the Eastern Europe–Caucasus and Central Asia– region Workshop – Moldova 8–9 July 2010</b></p> <p>The meeting was aimed at building of the NIS section of the PERC HTUR network of HTUR focal persons and the development of an HTUR action plan for the sub-region for promotion and defending trade unions. During two days, 19 trade union representatives from the NIS Region (Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia) discussed trade union rights violations and how to fight against them.</p>	<p><b>ITUC/PERC Regional Trade Union Rights Conference, Moscow, 3 &amp; 4 December 2010</b></p> <p>ITUC–PERC, in cooperation with its Russian affiliates, organised Regional Conference “<b>Building democracy and trade union rights in NIS</b>”, which brought together more than 150 trade union leaders and activists. The aim of the conference was to facilitate the work in the field of trade union rights in the region and to outline priorities and perspectives for future work, to identify challenges, resources and allies to meet them.</p> <p><i>For further information see PERC Website: <a href="http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article472&amp;var_recherche=Conference">http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article472&amp;var_recherche=Conference</a></i></p>



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	<p>On that occasion a <b>report was released</b> on the occasion of the conference that summed up the developments in trade union rights sphere in the region.</p> <p>To download the report see: <a href="http://www.ituc-csi.org/ituc-perc-regional-conference.html">http://www.ituc-csi.org/ituc-perc-regional-conference.html</a></p>
<p><b>2nd PERC HTUR Meeting Bucharest, September 2010</b></p> <p>The <b>second meeting of the PERC HTUR Network</b> (set up in Bratislava in September 2009) was held in Bucharest, Romania. During this meeting, the ITUC HTUR department along with the PERC Secretariat presented the <b>HTUR activities carried out throughout the year within the region</b> (as well as worldwide). Furthermore, participants <b>discussed major human trade union rights issues to be tackled as well as the 2011 PERC HTUR Action plan.</b></p> <p><i>For further information see PERC Website:</i> <a href="http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article451&amp;var_recherche=Bucharest">http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article451&amp;var_recherche=Bucharest</a></p>	<p><b>ITUC–ILO Regional meeting on migration and human trafficking in Baku, 27 and 28 April 2011</b></p> <p>On 27 and 28 April 2011 National trade unions from several CIS countries met in Baku to discuss trade union cooperation on migration, development and the protection of migrant workers’ rights. Trade union representatives from the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Ukraine joined with experts from the ITUC, ILO, OSCE and IOM and the Serbian NGO Astra as well as representatives of the Azeri government. The meeting was co–organised by the ITUC–PERC, ILO and AHIK.</p> <p><i>For further information see PERC Website:</i> <a href="http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article558">http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article558</a></p>
<p><b>2nd ITUC HTUR Committee Meeting, Brussels, 1 February 2011</b></p> <p><i>For Further information see:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Powerpoint presentation from the Human and Trade Union Rights department at the 8th ITUC General Council: <a href="http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/Presentation_HTUR_-_8th_GC.pdf">http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/Presentation_HTUR_-_8th_GC.pdf</a></li> <li>-Chair’s report of HTUR Committee meeting to 8th General Council: <a href="http://www.ituc-csi.org/chair-s-report-of-htur-committee.html">http://www.ituc-csi.org/chair-s-report-of-htur-committee.html</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>PERC Country Meeting on Trade Union Rights in Georgia, Brussels, 5 &amp; 6 May 2011</b></p> <p>The February 2010 ITUC HTUR Committee highlighted Georgia as a country where trade union rights are at risk and outlined possible campaign action. A special country meeting was organized to further consider ways to support Georgian unionists, in terms of lobbying and informing the EU and national governments and community and also in terms of material support to the GTUC’s structures and actions.</p> <p><i>For further information see PERC Website:</i> <a href="http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article560">http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article560</a></p>
<p><b>PERC International Secretaries’ meeting, Brussels, 30 March 2011</b></p>	



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<p>For further information see PERC Website:  <a href="http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article538">http://perc.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article538</a></p>	
<p><b>ILC PERC preparatory meeting – Belgium – 31 March 2011</b></p> <p>A PERC preparatory consultation meeting ahead of the Committee on the Application of Standards (CAS) concerning the International Labour Conference was held. The main aims of the meeting was to prepare the 2011 meeting of the Committee and to discuss the selection of PERC individual cases for inclusion on the list to be negotiated and discussed by the CAS.</p> <p>See Circular N°17(2011) Long list of individual cases  <a href="http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/No_17_-_ILO_CAS_2011_-_Circular.pdf">http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/No_17_-_ILO_CAS_2011_-_Circular.pdf</a> sent on 17-05 and forwarded to the Network on 19-05</p>	

## 4 - HTUR ACTIONS TAKEN – June 2010 – May 2011

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PERC HTUR Network</b></p> <p>– Meetings (see above)        –Communication on HTUR issues and events sent through:        * the PERC HTUR Bulletin        * the PERC HTUR listserv, <a href="mailto:perc-htur@forum.ituc-csi.org">perc-htur@forum.ituc-csi.org</a>        * the PERC Newsletter        * the PERC Website <a href="http://perc.ituc-csi.org/">http://perc.ituc-csi.org/</a></p> <p>Please do not forget to send PERC HTUR-related information to <a href="mailto:perc-htur@forum.ituc-csi.org">perc-htur@forum.ituc-csi.org</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ITUC Annual Survey of violations of trade union rights, edition 2011</b></p> <p>– Coordination of the drafting and editing of the Survey PERC entries in cooperation with the PERC Secretariat – 23 contributions from PERC affiliates</p>
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Protests for the PERC region	ILO Work
<p><b>Turkey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Arrest of Lokman Özdemir, 6-09-2010</li><li>- Detention of journalist/trade unionist on the basis of groundless allegations, 7-03-2011</li><li>- Anti-labour legislation and police violence against peaceful demonstrators, 09-02-2011</li></ul> <p><b>Romania</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the lack of social dialogue in Romania, 14-04-2011</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Coordination of PERC country cases during the ILC Committee on the Application of standards (CAS) in cooperation with the PERC secretariat</li><li>-Coordination of the sending of comments to the Committee of Experts on the Application of Standards (CEACR). (see above HTUR requested actions)</li></ul>

## 5 - HTUR CALENDAR

See Below

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>PERC / ITUC Meetings</b>			PERC Executive Committee 7 March/ Int'l Secret. Meeting 30 March	PERC Eastern Partnership meeting	ETUC Congress				PERC Summer School Poland,	ITUC General Council, 17-18 October		PERC General Assembly
<b>HTUR</b>										HTUR Committee, 16 October (TBC)		
 <b>Solidarity actions - Protests and Appeals</b>												
<b>PERC HTUR</b>			Pre ILC PERC Consultation meeting 31 March		PERC Country Meeting on Trade Union Rights in Georgia, Brussels, 5 & 6 May 2011				3rd PERC HTUR Network Meeting			
 <b>Communication on HTUR issues within the region through the PERC HTUR Listserv <a href="mailto:perc-htur@forum.ituc-csi.org">perc-htur@forum.ituc-csi.org</a></b>												
<b>Annual Survey of TURs violations</b>						Launch of the Annual Survey, 10 June						
 <b>Collecting information on TUR in law and practices and TUR in law</b>												
<b>ILO</b>		End of February Publication of the CEACR report				1 - 17 100th ILC Geneva / CAS	Submitting comments to the CEACR		1st September Deadline for submissions			