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Dear Colleagues,

### **United Nations High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development**

#### **Important Dates:**

Informal Interactive Hearings with civil society organizations: **15 July 2013, UN New York**

UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development: **3-4 October 2013, UN New York**

Deadline for participant registration: **15 May 2013**

The United Nations General Assembly will hold a High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development (UN HLD) on 3-4 October 2013 at the UN Headquarters in New York. The objective of this UN HLD is to “identify concrete measures to strengthen coherence and cooperation at all levels, with a view to enhancing the benefits of international migration for migrants and countries alike and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications” (UN General Assembly Resolution A/C.2/67/L.15/Rev.1, 12 December 2012).

The UN HLD will also review the effectiveness of the annual Global Forum on Migration and Development, which is a government-led informal process seeking to achieve cooperation and coherence on the nexus between migration and development. PSI, together with the Global Unions and in cooperation with allied civil society organisations, had been involved in these annual global fora.

Given that international migration today is primarily about labour migration, it is critical that the trade union movement participates in this process of determining the future global governance of international migration. PSI’s key objective in its participation is to lobby governments to adopt a gender-sensitive and rights-based approach to migration and development and to promote access to quality public services for all. Likewise, the UN HLD is a platform in which we are able to

strengthen our alliances with the Global Unions and migrant-based civil society in promoting migrant workers' rights. The Global Unions and civil society are planning to hold parallel events at the UN HLD. More information on this will be shared in due course.

By virtue of its UN ECOSOC *consultative status*, PSI is able to register participants to the UN High Level Dialogue (3-4 October) and the Informal Civil Society Hearings (15 July), both of which will take place in New York. Please note that PSI itself is unable to provide sponsorship. However, we may be able to assist you in accessing funding from the event organizers. Nevertheless, your union must be prepared to fund your participation in case you do not get the sponsorship.

If you are interested to send your participant, please contact [genevieve.gencianos@world-psi.org](mailto:genevieve.gencianos@world-psi.org) no later than Friday, 3 May 2013 and indicate:

1. I wish to participate in the Informal Civil Society Hearings only (15 July)
2. I wish to participate in the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development only (3-4 October)
3. I wish to participate in both events

The UN deadline for registration is on 15<sup>th</sup> May. However, we need ample time for registration and preparations.

More information on the UN High Level Dialogue can be found at:  
<http://www.un.org/esa/population/meetings/HLD2013/hld2013.html>

I also wish to inform you that the ILO Governing Body has decided in November 2012 to convene an "ILO Global Tripartite Technical Meeting on Labour Migration" on 4-8 November 2013 in Geneva. The objective of this meeting is to enable the ILO to assess the outcomes of the UN HLD and consider possible areas for follow-up. PSI and the Global Unions will be involved in this meeting.

In solidarity,



Rosa Pavanelli  
General Secretary