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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

DOING BUSINESS REPORTS

The World Bank has developed annual “Doing Business” Reports (www.doingbusiness.org) which provide comparative analyses of a number of topics across 175 economies. The surveys are tied to specific articles in laws and regulations.

The Chief Economist of the World Bank’s (International Finance Corporation) “*Doing Business*” Team, Simeon Djankov, will give a presentation to a Special Session of the IOE General Council, to be held on Tuesday 29 May from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In terms of the structure of the Session, we would like to try and make it interactive with a practical focus, addressing questions such as: *What is IFC trying to achieve with the Doing Business Reports? What are the best means to achieve these aims and how can employers’ organizations (and their members) work with IFC in delivering these goals? How can employers’ organizations work with IFC in collecting data? Where are the key challenges in the coming years?*

In preparation for this debate and in order to garner maximum benefit from it, we would ask you to contact us with your perspectives on the “Doing Business Reports” from a national perspective. A summary of the **Doing Business** Report 2007 is available at the links below in a number of languages:

ENGLISH: http://www.doingbusiness.org/documents/DoingBusiness2007_overview_EMBARGO_Sept_6_0001_GMT.pdf

FRENCH: http://www.doingbusiness.org/Documents/Overviews_07/DB07OverviewFrench.pdf

SPANISH: http://www.doingbusiness.org/Documents/Overviews_07/DB07OverviewinSpanish.pdf

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Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General