# Forced Labor and Child Labor in Central Asia: The Way Forward and the Role of the International Community

June 11, 2009

Palais des Nations Geneva Room XXV

9:00-11:30 am (8:00 am arrival for those needing UN badges)

### Program

#### 8:00-9:00 am

8:00 Arrival and pick up badges at the Pregny Gate of the Palais des Nations - IMPORTANT NOTE - bring your passport 8:30 Coffee and croissants by Room XXV

9:00-9:15 am
Welcome and introduction
Welcome by Chair, Aryeh Neier, OSI
Introductory remarks by coalition representatives

9:15-11:00 am Panelists

#### 1. Perspectives from the region (60 min.)

Bakhtier Abdujaborov (Tajikistan), Youth for Civilization Nadejda Atayeva (Uzbekistan), Human Rights in Central Asia

Umida Niyazova (Uzbekistan), human rights advocate Elaine Fultz, independent expert

### 2. Responses from trade union & employer representatives (30 min)

Svetlana Boincean, International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers Associations (IUF), regional representative, Moscow

Neil Kearney, General Secretary, International Textile, Garment, and Leather Workers Federation (ITGLWF) Antonia Cortese Secretary Treasurer, American Federation of Teachers/AFL-CIO; Co-Chair, US Child Labor Coalition Lakshmi Bhatia, Director of Global Partnerships, Gap Inc. Chris McCann, Country Manager (UK), Asda Wal-Mart

# 3. Responses from international human rights perspectives (15 min.)

Frank Hagemann, International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC), ILO Kailash Satyarthi, Global March Against Child Labour

#### 11:00-11:30 am

Open Discussion: The way forward and the role of the international community

Participants' comments invited Conclusions and recommendations, call to action