

Evaluation of the impact of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a fair Globalization, 2008

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Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK) would like to state the following concerning the questionnaire on the above mentioned topic:

The aim of the ILO Declaration of 2008 is good.

However, the ILO member states are in a very different situation regarding e.g. the level of labour protection and the structures and functioning of societies. EK is of the opinion that the primary focus of the ILO when promoting fair globalization should be to give support to those ILO member states with very modest level of labour protection and where companies are mostly operating in an informal economy.

EK would like to draw the attention to the question number 8 of the ILO questionnaire, namely the evaluation of the recurrent discussions.

EK agrees with the Finnish government's reply that there is definitely a need to develop the way these types of discussions are going to be put in practice. EK is of the opinion that in fact there should be a genuine evaluation of the need of these types of discussions.

The problems relating to those recurrent discussions that have taken place are e.g. the following: the discussions have been lacking clear focus and the aim has not been to better understand ILO members' needs on the four strategic objectives. Also ILO has not shown that it has really taken the steps to strengthen its research capacity and empirical knowledge as required by the Declaration.

The most worrying in EK's opinion has been the ILO office's intention to lead the recurrent discussions to the direction it wants and not to respect the genuine tripartism. This was clearly seen in the 2015 recurrent discussions on labour protection.

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