

Mr. Mark Mittelhauser
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Dear Mr. Mittelhauser,

I would like to express my appreciation for the desire of the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) to support Georgia in the process of implementation of the new labor regulations in the country.

I should say that your proposal is very relevant and timely. The draft amendments to the Labor Code were approved by the Government of Georgia (GoG) in the beginning of March 2013 and presented to the Parliament for consideration and adoption. The GoG realizes however that the adoption of sound legislation is only one aspect of the reform that needs to be followed by effective implementation. GoG is committed to enforcing the legislation when it is adopted by the Parliament.

As to the specific areas for the potential technical assistance projects, I would like to confirm our interest in the areas proposed in your letter. I would also like to stress out that apart from these areas there might be some other directions needing our attention such as public awareness raising activities, trainings for judges, non-governmental organizations, universities etc.

Once again, on behalf of the Government of Georgia, I express my sincere gratitude for your proposal and look forward to our future cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alexandre Baramidze



Deputy Minister of Justice