

“The Migratory Policy of International Labour Office in the Euro-Mediterranean area”

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Migration theme is nowadays at the first place in the international agenda and it represents one of the most relevant challenges for *policy makers* of XXI century. Not by chance, the Administration Council of ILO decided to elaborate and strengthen an Action Plan about migrant workers promoted in 2004; the recent Report of the World Commission on the social dimension of globalisation put the migration theme at the top of their recommendations and in 2006 the dialogue at a very high level inside the General Assembly of the United Nations will be dedicated to development and migration.

Following the estimation of ILO elaborated in 2000, 175 million of people live out of their own countries (where they were born or where they are citizens). They represent 3 per cent of the world population and, if we consider them as a single group, they would form the fifth country of our planet. Besides, during the last ten years, their growth (6 million per year) was higher than world population growth. We should not forget, moreover, the illegal migration.

Considering the importance of the migratory phenomenon, the guidelines of ILO - with particular reference to the Mediterranean area – are: creation of a platform of knowledge to deal with the migratory phenomenon in the globalisation era; improvement of the comprehension of the impact of migratory policies through research and education activities; reinforcement of the international consent in adopting global policies in the field of work migration; strengthening of the *governance* of work migration through the development of policies combined with different governments, entrepreneurial organisations and trade unions; promotion and defence of human rights and dignified job for migrants encouraging the adoption of international rules.