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Conclusions of the Meeting of Working Party II held on 20 September 2007

The working party was chaired by Mr Preumont (employers). Two points were added on the agenda under AOB. The conclusions of the last working party meeting (14 February 2007) were adopted.

(1) Certification of training centres – Discussion of the CER position

CER presented a proposal regarding an EU-wide accreditation regime for training centres in the rail industry. The proposal would be discussed amongst the HR directors within CER shortly. ETF was invited to present their views on the paper. ETF took note of the paper and was astonished at the fact that CER, who had previously declared that it was not ready to include the item in the joint work programme, was now addressing the issue. ETF would examine the paper which, at first sight, seemed to be too restricted to train drivers and to be inspired by the road sector, which for ETF was not appropriate. There was also a debate on whether one should certify not only the training centres, but also the individual trainers. ETF would send their comments to Mr Preumont and Mr Bence from the CER. In this context, the Commission informed the meeting that the draft final report of the RAILTRAINING study was expected by the Commission early October.

(2) Follow-up of the joint recommendations on employability

These recommendations had been adopted in Lille on 15 June 2007 but not physically signed yet. However, some minor corrections (due to language) were still necessary. The paper, which would be uploaded on the social dialogue website (see link in the footer), foresees the organisation of a joint conference in 2008, which would probably take place in Berlin in the second half of the year.

(3) Follow-up of the joint recommendations for a better representation and integration of women in the railway sector (12 June 2007)

According to the social partners' work programme, working party II was responsible for the yearly follow-up of progress regarding the joint recommendations. ETF called upon CER to present the paper to its HR directors' group (as announced earlier by the chairperson of the committee, Mr Nigl). The parties agreed to send a joint letter to all companies and trade unions concerned in order to broadly disseminate the text. ETF also proposed to prepare a questionnaire survey amongst ETF's and CER's member organisations to assess progress next year.

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