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Report of the Director-General

Obituary

Mr Jesús Urbieto

1. The Director-General announces with deep regret the death, on 1 June 2015, of Mr Jesús Urbieto, former Worker member of the Governing Body.
2. Mr Jesús Urbieto, of Spanish and Venezuelan origin, was a prominent trade union official from the Venezuelan Workers' Confederation (CTV), a lawyer, a political analyst on the world of work and the General Director of Venezuela's National Institute of Labour Studies (INAESIN), which has made a significant contribution to the training of union representatives throughout the country and served as a model for other organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean on trade union education matters for many years.
3. Mr Urbieto was a Worker member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office (ILO) from 2002 to 2005. He was actively involved in the international trade union movement, particularly within the framework of the former International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), the international trade secretariats and the Inter-American Regional Organisation of Workers (ORIT). He also served as an ILO external collaborator, during which time he contributed substantially to the preparation of various pro-trade union movement studies and publications. As a trade union leader and political activist, Jesús Urbieto worked for democracy and social dialogue and staunchly defended the right to freedom of association. With Mr Urbieto's death, the Venezuelan and international trade unionist movement has lost one of its leading members.

Draft decision

4. *The Governing Body will no doubt wish to invite the Director-General to convey its sincere condolences to the family of Mr Jesús Urbieto and to INAESIN.*