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Briefing by the Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation Maxim Topilin at the Association of European Businesses (AEB)

On February 9, 2016 member companies of the Association of European Businesses (AEB) met with the Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation Maxim Topilin.

The meeting was headed by the AEB Chairman Philippe Pegorier, the AEB First Deputy Chairman Olga Bantsekina, and the AEB CEO Frank Schauff.

Olga Bantsekina made a welcoming speech. She praised the long-term cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the Association of European Businesses. Olga Bantsekina also talked about the main difficulties regarding labour rights facing European companies operating in the Russian market.

During the discussion Maxim Topilin focused on the following issues: salary development, amendments to the terms of regulations regarding foreign citizens working in Russia, the introduction of the professional qualification assessment system, labour protection legislation, flexible work schedules, the adaptation and employment of disabled people.

"Currently the situation in the labour market is calm, despite the crisis. Throughout the year the overall level of unemployment according to the methodology of the International Labour Organisation has not exceeded 6%", Maxim Topilin explained.

"We appreciate the openness of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the willingness to engage in a dialogue with the member companies of the Association of European Businesses. We hope that this cooperation will make a significant contribution to the development of social relations in Russia during the crisis ", said Frank Schauff after the event.

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