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Concerning the application of certain ILO-conventions

The Swedish Agency for Government Employers would like to give the following answers to the request from the ILO-Committee of 2008-08-23.

Weekly Rest (industry) Convention, 121 (No. 14)

Reference is made to the previous report. No changes of relevant legislation have been made for the period from June 30, 2008 up till now. The report says:

“The provision of the Working Hours Act (1982:673) on weekly rest ----- took effect on 1st January 2007.”

As for the Government Sector the Agency wants to add the following:

Certain jobs in the government sector are excluded from the Working Hours Act. This comes from the regulation in the EG-directive on working hours. The directive says that it shall not include “government areas activities where you cannot avoid to being in conflict with the directive”, such as the defence, coast guards and the police.

The exclusion shall be handled restrictively and the areas that are pointed out are special areas in the government sector that is meant to ensure order and safety.

For your information we include a booklet on how the Government Sector is organised in Sweden.

Forty-Hour Week Convention, 1935 (No. 47)

Since 1970 applies forty-hour week in Sweden according to the Working Act. The provision of the Working Act (1982:673) has been reworded with effect from 1st July 2005. In the case of workers who, on 30 June 2005 and thereafter up to and including 31 December 2006, were bound by a collective agreement on working time issues, the amendment took effect on 1 January 2007.

In addition to the “old” rule of ordinary working time of forty hour per week, the new rules include a maximum of 48 hours working time for every seven-day

period in average of four month. Holidays with pay and days of sick leave are counted as working days in this respect.

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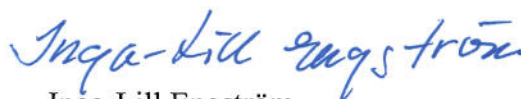
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Beslut i detta ärende har fattats av enhetschef Elisabet Sundén Ingeström. Vid den slutliga handläggningen deltog förhandlingsdirektör Inga-Lill Engström, föredragande.

Yours sincerely,



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