



**Section des Anciens fonctionnaires - Section of Former
Officials
Syndicat du personnel de l'OIT - ILO Staff Union**

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Mr. Guy Ryder
Director General
ILO
Geneva

Dear Mr Director General,

As your tenure as Director General of the ILO draws to a close, on behalf of the members of the ILO Former Officials Section I would like to offer our congratulations and thanks for your committed leadership of the Organization through two terms of office and at a time of great change. Thank you also for the attention paid to retired staff members, enabling them to maintain strong links both with active colleagues and each other, all belonging to the same community. We have enjoyed meeting you on several occasions.

The recognition you showed to retired colleagues was particularly evident at Office receptions, where your presence was greatly appreciated, and more recently on the occasion of the ILO Centenary. At your instigation, they were able to participate in the celebrations. Their work within the ILO has been recognized in some of the major movements for social transformation in the world over the past few decades. The commemorative meeting on 28 May 2019 organized by the Former Officials Section and the lunch on 11 July 2019 offered by the ILO provided some intense moments; hundreds of retired staff members participated.

Mr Director General, in order to maintain and facilitate contact with your former colleagues going forward, we propose that you become a member of the Former Officials Section. Our mission is to go on meeting the specific needs of retired officials and maintaining the social link between them and the various branches of the ILO. Our website can be found at <https://www.anciens-bit-ilo.org> and our Facebook page at *Anciens ilo-bit*. Please find attached the membership application form.

Finally, we wish you a happy retirement; one which for you, as for many of our colleagues, will no doubt be the start of new commitments and challenges.

With our sincere best wishes,

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for the Former Officials Section

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