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Davies Arnold Cooper represents the interests of UK employers at the United Nations' International Labour Organisation's Annual Conference

Chris Syder, Partner and Head of Employment at International law firm, Davies Arnold Cooper, represented the interests of UK employers at an international conference, held last week.

The International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 99th Annual Conference took place from the 2 – 11 June in Geneva, Switzerland, and Syder acted as the sole legal representative of UK employer interests on behalf of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

The ILO is the only 'tripartite' United Nations agency bringing together governments, employers and workers to jointly shape employment policies. Working with its 183 member states, the ILO is the global body responsible for drawing up and overseeing international labour standards. It aims to promote rights at work, encourage decent employment opportunities, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue in handling work-related issues.

Syder, supported by Justin Roberts, Solicitor at the same firm, represented the interests of UK employers and the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) in a standing committee made up of government, employer and worker delegates. Syder, who is also a member of a select working group for the International Employers Organisation (IOE), helped to determine the cases to be heard and lead the examination of the following cases:

1. **Central African Republic**, which concerned the elimination of child labour and protection of children and young persons via minimum age legislation
2. **Canada**, which concerned freedom of association of workers, the right to organise, and the disputed right to strike
3. **Swaziland**, which concerned the failure to adopt national legislation to provide for freedom of association and the right to organise

Speaking of his prestigious appointment, Syder commented: "This is the sixth year that I have represented UK employers at the ILO - this is a very important forum as employment laws

become increasingly homogenous in labour markets throughout the world. It is important for employers that the balance between the rights and duties of employers and employees evolves in a fair and commercial basis.”

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Notes to Editors:

About Davies Arnold Cooper LLP

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About the ILO

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is devoted to advancing opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity. Its main aims are to promote rights at work, encourage decent employment opportunities, enhance social protection and strengthen dialogue in handling work-related issues.

In promoting social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights, the organization continues to pursue its founding mission that labour peace is essential to prosperity. Today, the ILO helps advance the creation of decent jobs and the kinds of economic and working conditions that give working people and business people a stake in lasting peace, prosperity and progress.

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