

Conference room 2, Wednesday 3. May 2006, 15.00-18.00 **Thematic Discussion:** Enhancing energy efficiency to address air pollution and atmospheric problems, combat climate change and promote industrial development

Speech by, Mr. Jesper Lund-Larsen from United Federation of Danish Workers, here represent Major Groups Workers and Trade Unions (ICFTU).

Many of the delegates have to day talk about the air pollutions problems, but no one had talk about the problems that workers have, those workers, who are working in the street, as taxi driver or vehicles drivers.

Those workers who are cleaning the streets, have very often breathing problems because the every day in many years had breath polluted air and get a lot of small dangerous particles dawn in there lungs.

The same problems the taxi drivers had or maybe it is much worse because the often sit in a cue, with the aircon turn on, and then they get the polluted air direct into the lung.

One of the way to reduce this problem is to make role that forbid den many of the cars to drive in the cities, and then instead build up a better public transport system.

An other way to reduce the problems is to make laws saying that all cars, vehicles and busses most have air pollution filter.

That will also create a lot of new jobs, which will give better social life's to many people.

In Denmark we have look at have many jobs we can create with having those particle filter on trains and vehicles and that will create about 3900 job/year, and in also means that about 500 people not will die because of air pollution.

If we look at indoor pollution we know that a lot of people working in offices have allergy problems, because of bad indoor air, and it's because of the materials that we are using for building our houses and because of all the machines we to day are using.

Here we can minimise many of the problems with having a green buying policy.

Many of the problems indoor comes also because we are not very good to clean the office, factories ect.

So we most thing about the way we are pressing and pressing the prices down for the cleaning service, As long as we don't want to pay as long will the cleaning staff not have time enough for cleaning, and that will result in al lot of allergy problems and other illness.

My closing remarks are that we from the workers and trade unions, hope that all the countries will look at the problems I just have talk about, and you will see, if the countries make laws that protect the workers, the countries after some years can se the result in less illness among there populations and workers and that means they will save a lot of money because not so many had to go to the doctor, or be at home because of illness.

And at least I will remind you that involving the workers in the policy making as a stakeholder; you will se how interested we are in helping you with ideas, which can minimize the problems.

