

CSD 14

Conference room 2, Tuesday 2. 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

Summary of intervention by Arne Jensen on behalf of ICFTU in the session on energy efficiency:

A large amount of energy is used at workplaces in day-to-day operations.

By using the knowledge of workers to improve energy efficiency of processes, companies can make significant savings.

A project made in Denmark in cooperation between trade unions and employers organisations proved significant results in Danish SME's.

Average results were 20% improvement of energy efficiency with very small investments. Pay back time was as low as 6 weeks.

These results are possible in all countries where an atmosphere of trust and cooperation can be created in workplaces. As governments are responsible for the framework in which companies operate, governments can play a major role by actively pursuing and promoting the concept of "decent work" developed by the international labour organisation ILO.