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On July 22, 2010, the AEB member-companies' representatives had a meeting with Mr. K. Romodanovsky, the Director of the Federal migration service (FMS); Ms. E. Egorova, the Deputy Director of the FMS and Mr. O. Artamonov, the Head of the Department for International and Public Affairs of the FMS.

The meeting was devoted to the recently adopted law on attraction of highly-qualified foreign workers. The meeting began with a welcome speech by Dr. Frank Schauff, the AEB CEO, who noted that such meetings with the Federal Migration Service have become a good tradition, having also thanked the leadership of the FMS for effective cooperation and constant uninterrupted dialogue with business. The meeting was then led by Ludmila Shiryayeva, the head of the AEB Migration Committee.

In his address, Mr. Romodanovsky has pointed out that the Federal Migration Service is taking the constructive approach, aiming to simplify the entry to Russia for the highly-qualified foreign specialists. The such-like meetings, declared Mr. Romodanovsky, must take place on regular basis and must assist in gathering the information in order to trial this new Law, to remove the vices and to make the Law work in a way, that would make the work of foreign specialists in Russia comfortable. He continued by saying that "we are the supporters of simplification and work on the gradual introduction of new positive elements into the legislation". "The more information and hints we get from the foreign business and employers" – continued Mr. Romodanovsky – "the clearer and more objective the situation is for us and the faster the arising problems will be removed or fixed".

Ms. E. Egorova and Mr. O. Artamonov have provided exhaustive answers to the multiple questions of the meeting participants.

The Dialogue with the Federal Migration Service will be continued.

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