At the headquarters of the labour portfolio

**Labour portfolio and FAIMA signed a cooperation agreement to strengthen social security policies**

The Nation’s Labour Minister, Carlos Tomada, headed today an event where a cooperation framework agreement was signed between the labour portfolio and the Argentine Federation of Wood Related Industries (FAIMA by its Spanish acronym) in order to apply strengthening policies to strengthen social security for the workers in the sector.

At the event which was held at the headquarters of the labour portfolio, Tomada said that “co-responsibility agreements do the same our government has done with all the subjects: putting them on the table. We may disagree with the solution, but problems are not hidden. Registered work in Argentina reached 50% and no-one would care about it. Today this subject is visible and the problems of precarious work and the levels of child labour have been reduced. The combat of these subjects is ahead.”

The purpose of the agreement is to disseminate the application of Trade Union Co-responsibility Agreements (CCG), by acknowledging in them a tool that extends coverage in the field of social security and achieves a better quality of life for the workers and their families.

Moreover, the agreement acknowledges the importance of linking economic, labour and social policies within a conceptual framework and of practical consistent application. It also sustains the will to work for the eradication of unregistered work, precarious work and child labour.

Extending social security coverage results in an increase on the added value of the wood chain production, thus improving the levels of competitiveness both at a national and international level.

The meeting brought together the Social Security Secretary, Ofelia Cédola; the FAIMA President, Pedro Reyna; and the Undersecretary of Social Security Schemes Coordination, María Taboada, among others.

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