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MEDIA RELEASE

President of the Business Federation of the Democratic Republic of Congo¹ named as New IOE Regional Vice-President for Africa

The IOE is pleased to announce that, following the departure of Mr Lassina Traoré, who will continue to serve employers in his new role with ACT/EMP in Yaoundé, Mr Albert Yuma Mulimbi, President of the Business Federation of the DRC will take up the post of Regional Vice-President for Africa on the IOE Management Board with immediate effect and with the resounding support of his region,

In his role as one of five regional Vice-Presidents, Mr Yuma will ensure that the interests and perspectives of the 44 IOE members from the African continent are taken into account in the overall strategy, activities and objectives of the Organisation. He will be supported by board members Mr Samir Allam (Egypt), Mr Mthunzi Mdwaba (South Africa) and Ms Jacqueline Mugo (Kenya), and by Mr Frederick Muia, IOE Senior Adviser, in drawing up regional work plans, positions and priorities.

Mr Yuma will also take up the titular position of Mr Traoré in the ILO Governing Body; Mr Ousseine Diallo, (Côte d'Ivoire) a substitute member of the Governing Body, will become a deputy member.

Mr Yuma holds a Masters in Business and Financial Management from the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), as well as a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. He enjoys a high profile in the business community, holding senior positions on the boards of several companies, in sectors ranging from financial, real estate, textiles, printing and mining.

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