Illustrious Golleague of ILO,

A quarter of a century ago

You entered the international service---

Probably somewhat nervous,

Fresh from the ranks of Law,

Of delegates somewhat in awe,

Earnest, hardworking, and poor...

That was # '31, and now '56 is here

And you have achieved a distinguished career

In our senior sister-Organization--
The undersigned hold you exceedingly dear

In affection and high estimation---

In Trusteeship Council or JSPB

Your presence is certain to fill us with glee,
In any Committee of the G.A.

You brighten even the drespiest day...

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Sincerely we all salute Dr. Metall,

A man of most unusual fettle,

And on this important occasion

We wish you good health and elation,

Doublepay on your vacation,

A blissful and "plus" duty-station,

A loyalty-clearance citation,

And never a needy relation.

Considering, noting, whereas, and therefore We anticipate working for many years more With our friend Dr. Metall of ILO--Sincerely yours---UNESCO and WHO.