Photochemical Reactions of Re(CO)₅Br with $Ph_2P(S)(CH_2)_nP(S)Ph_2$ (n = 1, 2, 3)

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The complexes fac-[Re(CO)₃Br{Ph₂P(S)(CH₂)_nP(S)Ph₂}] [**la**, n = 1; **2a**, n = 2; **3a**, n = 3] and [Re₂(CO)₈Br₂{ μ -Ph₂P(S)(CH₂)_nP(S)Ph₂}] [**1b**, n = 1; **2b**, n = 2; **3b**, n = 3] have been prepared by the photochemical reaction of Re(CO)₅Br with Ph₂P(S)(CH₂)_nP(S)Ph₂. The products have been characterized by elemental analysis, mass spectroscopy, FT-IR and ³¹ P-[¹H]-NMR spectrometry. The results suggest cis-chelate bidentate coordination of the ligand in fac-**1a** – **3a** and cis-bridging bidentate coordination of the ligand between two metals in **1b** – **3b**.

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