



Trade Union International Transport Works



To the Trade Unions and Workers' organisations of
the Transport Sector

March 2, 2010

Day of Action and Struggle by Transport Workers

APPEAL

The neo-liberal policies under way in the overwhelming majority of the countries, surrender everything to the interests of the big economic groups, whose aim is a huge growth in profits at the cost of an increase in the exploitation of the workers.

The advancement of these policies has had negative effects on the sector:

- Its social component has been reduced through privatisations of public companies, with severe economic and environmental damages;
- Thousands of jobs were lost.
- The living and working conditions worsened, with the increase in work time;
- The exploitation of those who work increased through the devaluation of wages;
- They tried to break the solidarity among workers by promoting individualism in some professions;
- The cost to the public treasury increased, since private groups do not make investments, following the reasoning of "*public investments, private profits*".

In view of the results of these policies the workers encounter a global offensive, with similar effects in all countries and with the Trade Union Movement facing great challenges and great responsibilities.

TUI-transport –Trade Unions International of Transport Workers – a sector structure of the World Federation of Trade Unions, believes that it is the responsibility of the trade unions to unite the workers in defence of their claims and, after taking into account the concrete problems in each country, set in motion a wide movement of protest and struggle against the policies at the root of the severe problems facing the workers and the populations.

We believe that, despite the objective differences in the Trade Union Movement around the world, this does not prevent, considering the objective conditions of each one and in a

framework of their autonomy, the trade unions from joining forces in a struggle that has to be common. And so, TUI-Transport appeals for a union among the workers to strengthen their struggle in defence of:

- The transport sector as an essential element of the progress of society, with a strong social component and a strong presence of the public sector, so that increasingly it becomes an integrated sector, with economic and environmental gains;
- Valorisation of the labour factor, through wage increases and increase in the purchasing power of the workers;
- The combat against unemployment and the increase of labour precariousness and in defence of jobs;
- The defence of Health and Safety in the workplace;
- Valorisation of the workers through their right to professional training.

This global offensive should be met with the unity of the workers and their global answer. This is why we **APPEAL TO ALL ORGANISATIONS AND WORKERS OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR**, to join their efforts and this coming March 2, 2010, considering the problems and claims in each country, company or workplace, have a **day of action and struggle**.

The participation of every organisation and/or group of workers can be carried out according to the specific conditions of each, either through meetings and plenary sessions with the workers, concentrations, demonstrations, strikes or any other form of struggle deemed fit.

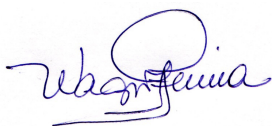
In the framework of your organisation's autonomy, we appeal to you to carry out initiatives on this day. TUI-Transport will promote public information on this action, namely by conveying their stands to the governments of several countries and to the international bodies.

The time is for action around everything that unites us. We are counting on your participation in this day of action and struggle!

So that we can publicize this great mass action, please inform us on the actions you will be carrying out, using our e-mail info@uis-transport.org

With warm Trade Union greetings,

January 14, 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wagner Fajardo".

Wagner Fajardo
General Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "José Manuel Oliveira".

José Manuel Oliveira
President