

Report of Action 2006-2010

Action Speaks



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REPORT OF ACTION - Action speaks **FIVE YEARS OF STRUGGLE**

Dear Colleagues,

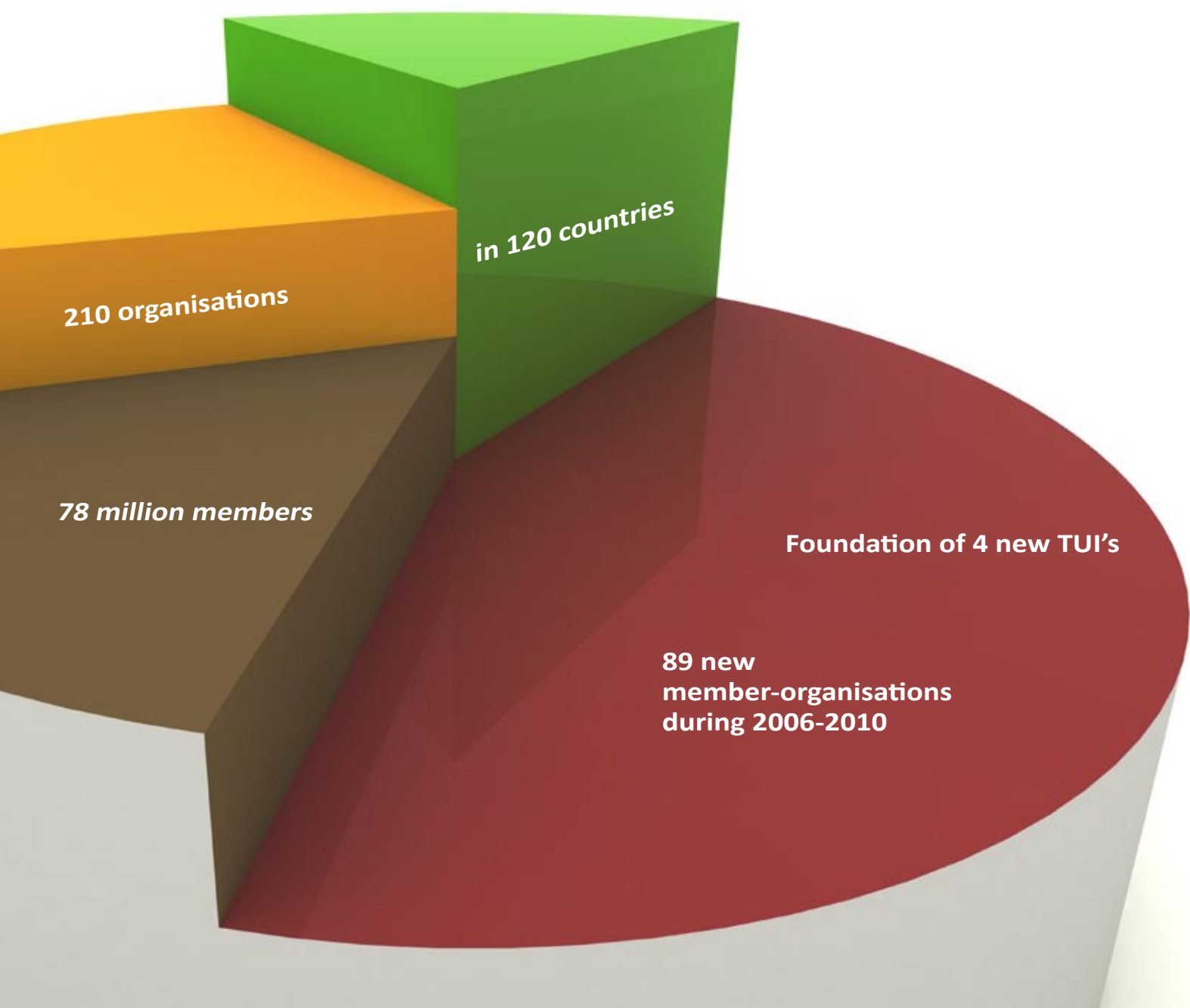
*You are holding in your hands a brief calendar
of the activities of the World Federation of Trade Unions
for the years 2006-2010.*

*This is the Report of the Presidential Council for the
16th World Trade Union Congress.*



WORLD TRADE UNION CONGRESS
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WFTU in numbers



OUR ACTIVITY 5 YEARS OF ACTION!

Prologue by the Secretariat of WFTU

Comrades and friends,

Our main duty at the 16th World Trade Union Congress is to debate and judge the progress made since the 15th Congress, held on the 4th and 5th of December 2005 in Havana, Cuba. We should discuss and decide about our tactics and our strategy for the next 5 years. We should set in order of precedence and agree about our fundamental goals concerning each continent, region, as well as each working sector.

Comrades,

In Havana, the newly elected leadership was given a clear order by the Congress:

- To organizationally reconstitute the WFTU in sectoral and regional level, as well as to enhance the value of unity and internal democracy within our Organization.
- To enhance the militant characteristics as a class oriented trade union organization able to unite the workers to the struggle against capital.
- To practically aid the workers' struggle worldwide, for their everyday needs.
- To develop actions and state its presence everywhere in sectoral, regional and international level.
- To unite, in the action and the causes, all the workers despite from political or other differences.
- To support the Peoples

struggling against imperialist wars and occupation, in order to enhance its internationalist characteristics.

Those duties were complex and difficult. The difficulties were emerging from the negative international correlation of power, along with the deadlock period that our organization faced after the backfall of 1991. The new WFTU leadership acted under complicated and difficult circumstances. From the very early beginning it had to confront the issue of its Headquarters accommodation at a country that could support in all levels this new attempt. At Prague, capital of Czech Republic, the political and trade – union entourage was very hostile against WFTU. We needed better entourage to support the new leadership at its new ambitious initiation. Hence, the Presidential Council decided with one assent to transpose the Headquarters in Athens, capital of Greece. The Headquarters transposition resulted in the renewal of the personnel of WFTU, with new and young personnel.

At present, the last five – years' progress is estimated as positive. This is explained through our work, our action and the results often. All members of the Presidential Council contributed to this positive development (except for 3 – 4 members who did not meet the requirements of their position). The majority of our members in the regional

offices, in the TUI's and in national trade union Organizations helped in this work. Moreover, the contribution of the members of PAME and of all members and friends of WFTU in Greece cannot be denied, and we thank them for their full support since the moment that the Headquarters have been transposed in Greece.

Five years have passed since the last Congress and the presidential council has been in session for at least ten times in 5 different countries and 5 times in Geneva in the mounts of the annual assembly of ILO. The presidential Council's role was rather important since with its decisions it defined our Organisation's directions and offered drifts to our members and friends throughout the world.

During those five years, the president and brother Muhammad Shaaban Azzouz has played a very important role in the WFTU's effort for reconstruction, a process which started after Havana's 15th congress, showing the appropriate amount of solemnity, fraternity, and feeling of solidarity, stability and practical support. The majority of the presidential council's members actively participated during the last "quinquennium". The majority of the comrades always had proposals, they stated their opinions in a very open and democratic way and criticized as well as offered resolutions for all

substantial issues we had to work out every time. We thank them for their contribution.

IN THIS REPORT: ACTION SPEAKS

There is a comprehensive report "REPORT of 2006-2010" which presents all main activities by subject and chronological references and refers to the rich action developed by WFTU during the past quinquennium 2006-2010.

Study the REPORT in order to have a full and complete picture so that your criticism, comments and suggestions are based on the specific facts in order to provide essential aid to our new effort which begins with the 16th congress.

Here we are going to make a comprehensive and conclusive report of our action for the past five years:

1. Proper function of the collective groups. The presidential council, the Secretariat and this specific function was based on the statutes and regulations of the accumulated experience of the class oriented trade union movement. In our meetings and our function everyone was free to express their opinion, to answer every question, make criticism as well as agree or disagree. Through this mode we gradually conquer the collective, open and democratic functioning, striking the phenomena of bureaucracy and stagnation. We still have a lot to learn. It is necessary in present circumstances to strengthen the principles of comradely rivalry for the offering, the criticism and the self-criticism. In particular, self-

criticism still remains absent from our group's operation at all levels, at the central level, the Regional Offices and TUIs. Also to enhance the collective in the leadership of the Regional Offices and TUIs. There are observations and criticism because the degree of collegiality in the Headquarters of the Regional Offices and Headquarters of TUIs still remains low.

Improving the functioning of the WFTU institutions, has given us and still gives us the opportunity to focus our discussions on the substance and content of our action and goals.

2. The International Days of Action organized by WFTU in 2009 and 2010 were two new qualitative and quantitative steps because of the elevated forms of class struggle, used, such as with demonstrations, protests and strikes. In 2009 the participation of Trade Unions from 49 countries and in 2010 from 56 countries shows our capabilities and weaknesses. We are critical of our members who despite their abilities do not choose to be active and we consider it as a serious mistake that 2-3 members of the WFTU unions participated in similar activities of ITUC which accentuated a content of capitalist "modernization" and collaboration with the IMF! We appeal to all members and friends of WFTU to understand that the support of all our key initiatives, participation in our activities, in our demonstrations, is a very important task for us all and any trade union is necessary to meet this specific task.

3. We have tried to raise the trade

unions as well as our members' and friends' ideological level through decades of Trade union training seminars organized in all continents. The WFTU seminars of our Regional Offices and TUI's are not concerned with tourism and excursions, but comprise an additional note, additional equipment for new and old problems which the world working class has to face. We organized a total of 40 Seminars with many interesting topics such as: the role of mass media, the role of TV, decent work, the establishment of unions, trade union rights, labor relations, debts of third world countries, the problem of food, water, the role of International Organizations, 120 years anniversary from the 1st of May 1886, climate change, health and safety conditions, etc. The need to educate our union staff is great and we have the duty to multiply and strengthen our efforts.

4. We organized 10 very important International trade union conferences on some very serious issues. Some of them were:

a. conference on the international economic crisis and the role of the Trade Unions which was held on 15th-16th November 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal, where we discussed the crisis in time, as well as its consequences for working people and our propositions.

b. conference on the role of the working woman and WFTU's theses, which was held in Brussels, Belgium on 13th -14th September 2007, containing rich discussion and right decisions.

c. conference on the Economic Immigrants, which was held on

29th May 2006 where we formed our strategy.

d. common meetings between ICATU and WFTU that gave and continues to give the capability to tighten the relations with the Arab working people, and at the same time the expression of practical internationalist solidarity towards the peoples of Palestine, Syria and Lebanon.

e. conference on the 1st World Working Youth Conference that was held in Lima, Peru on 18th – 20th November 2009, where in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and a fighting spirit, young working people from the five continents discussed, singed, decided and took action.

f. we want to congratulate the Youth Secretariat of the WFTU for the regional initiative they took for the young people in the countries of Central America, and for cooperating with the Regional Office in organizing a seminar in Panama on 9th -11th December.

g. we would also like to congratulate the 120 young trade unionists that participated in the event we organized on the 15th of June in Geneva, for the celebration of the 65th anniversary from WFTU's foundation.

h. the international meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 26th – 29th July 2009 that was organized by VGCL and WFTU in common, giving the ability to analyze the international situation and the consequences of globalization.

5. WFTU, ACFTU, OATUU and ICATU, organizing in common the TRADE UNION FORUM OF Beijing that gives the opportunity to exchange thoughts, experiences and propositions. The different theses and the presence of a big

number of national Trade Unions during the past years, give the opportunity for important international contacts.

6. WFTU's editions these five years were very successful. Hundreds of announcements, press releases and publications were edited. The secretariat adopted a specific stance in time for every current issue. At the same time, these 5 years 23 posters were edited. These posters are beautiful enough but also with an essential meaning. We should take advantage of them, put them on a place where they can play the role and fulfill the goal they were made for. Books, brochures, leaflets were edited in all basic languages, giving the content, the spirit and the theses of our organizations. The edition of "REFLECTS", WFTU's magazine, in 4 languages (English, French, Spanish and Arabic) is an important effort, which will have even greater success if our member and friend organizations send articles and news.

The editions made by the Regional Offices of America, Asia, Europe are important and positive. It is necessary that the Regional Offices of Africa and Middle East follow their example.

7. We still don't meet the needs as far as the use of new technologies is concerned. Although we have made the new central web site, although some Regional Offices and some TUIs also have their own web sites, we still don't meet the requirements. The needs proceed quickly; the needs of communication grow bigger every day. We do not fill the requirements for the "electronic

war" and the reasons are not only financial. We think that this is a matter of direction. We need to realize the importance of direct intervention using the abilities of new technologies. The positive examples of our comrades from Brazil, Chile, from the Metal and Transportation TUIs show that when we have the right direction, we also have the ability.

8. Our presence in the International Organization has got more intense. Our delegates made important efforts there. However the situation in all International Organizations remains difficult and complex. The international correlation of forces is against the class oriented forces and against the peoples that fight against Imperialist aggressiveness. The United Nations Organization actually legalizes USA, EU and their allies' aggressive foreign policy. In the International Labor Office there is a monopoly and dictatorship of the ITUC, which after 1991, along with the capitalist governments and the employers have converted the organization into a "tool" that removes labor rights. In the five years 2006 - 2010 we strongly criticized this through our interventions in Geneva, in the annual general meeting and at the meetings of the Board each November and March, at the Regional meetings of the ILO, in Torino and everywhere, and demanded this unacceptable situation to stop.

The fact that Cuba and Venezuela are constantly slandered, and at the same time the government of Colombia is acquitted is unacceptable. It is unacceptable to exclude WFTU and independent

National Organizations from the main organs of ILO. It is unacceptable that the ITUC gives orders and commands to the ILO, it is unacceptable that some cadres of the ILO threaten member organizations of WFTU; the way the ILO seminars and training in the center of Turin are shared is unacceptable. WFTU will continue to condemn these anti-democratic phenomena. We will not stay silent in front of this, while we will fight against the perceptions of class collaboration and compromising, on a national and international level.

9. As we had decided at the 15th Congress in Havana, we established WFTU's Friends Council which convenes in Geneva every year, in June. This gave our friends the ability and democratic right to have direct contact with the leadership of WFTU, to submit their proposals, make criticism and be fully and essentially informed on every common issue.

10. During the period we examine, WFTU has tried to respond to all calls, to participate in our members' and friends' activities. We have also invited and hosted dozens of Trade Union delegations of high level, for bilateral contacts and discussions, such as the delegations of the ACFTU, the ILO, the OATUU, the ICATU etc.

11. There is still a problem with the financial situation of WFTU. This issue is serious and raises serious difficulties in our operation and action in these new circumstances. The organizations that have financially supported

the WFTU these five years are very few and specific. We want to congratulate organizations such as FTE Mexico, CENAPRO, GAWU, Guyana, etc. that sent 500 dollars every year. The amount of money was small, but the strength they gave us was enormous. WFTU's financial situation is not merely an economic issue. It is primarily an ideological, political, trade union issue. We think that some people who can afford to give (financial) assistance to WFTU did not do it for specific reasons. Some other support the new course in words, but not practically. There are members of the Presidential Council whose organizations have not given financial support neither in the past five years, nor for the costs of the 16th Congress. At this point, we would like to underline that the collective agreement on WFTU's new course raises the requirement for collective financial support so that the collective decisions we make for diverse action can be supported and be put in practice.

12. All this wealth of experience had also significant Organizational Results. During the period 2006-2010 we established 4 new TUIs: a) metal, b) transport c) Banks and Finance d) Hotels - Tourism. The establishment of these 4 TUIs gives new possibilities concerning the presence of WFTU in their relevant sectors and multinational companies. It is necessary to rediscuss, after the congress, our organizational presence in other important sectors such as the services sector, the media etc.

13. Eighty nine new organizations have joined WFTU as a result

of WFTU's action, ideology and presence in the trade unions. We once more welcome the new members of WFTU's family. We all know that the reasons that



One of the first meetings of the Secretariat in Athens

brought these 89 new members to WFTU are WFTU's militancy, its principles, its direction, its rich action and internationalist character, as well as the dynamic shown by our organization in these five years, the democratic function and collective effort.

All these positive steps have been achieved, because we all worked together: the national organisations, members and friends, our regional offices, our sectoral organisations.

We all worked collectively, democratically. We worked based on the principles and values of the trade union movement.

We are now more experienced and more capable of confronting our weaknesses, to respond to the demands of our times.

We thank you all,

The Secretariat

WFTU in numbers

89 New
affiliations

2 International Action Days
with strikes, demonstrations and events
in 103 countries of the five continents

One 3-days Strike in the ports
against the commercial vessels to
and from Israel

10 Conferences of Solidarity
and Internationalism

12	International Conferences
12	International Seminars
16	International Seminars in cooperation with the ILO
135	Delegations Sent
102	Delegation Visits in the Central Offices
23	Posters
2	"Reflects"
5	Council of Friends



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Report of Action - 2006



European Trade Union Conference about the war on Lebanon, Athens, Greece

FORA, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANISED

1. We organised, with great success, on May 29th, in the European Parliament, the 1st **International Trade Union Conference** on the subject: **"The social phenomenon of immigration in the 21st century"**. This conference showed that WFTU, as well as our affiliated organisations have developed possibilities of analyzing the modern social phenomena and promoting our positions and our proposals. This was the first important presence of WFTU.

2. In the framework of the 95th ILC, the 1st Council of Friends was organised with great success. This showed the important steps ahead for WFTU.

3. We organized on September 10th in Athens, a **European Trade Union Conference about the war on Lebanon**, demanding a fair and longstanding Peace in the region. The same day we organised, with the essential contribution of PAME, a big International Solidarity Event with the participation of two thousand workers.

DELEGATIONS SENT

1. We were present in the congresses of: ALO of Arab World in Morocco, Sudan, CSC Brazil, Students of Switzerland, CTA Argentina, Djibouti, ILO of Asia, Guyana, Meeting of the UN for the world day of journalism,

as well as in the annual Meeting of the WFTU European Regional Office.

2. Accepting the invitation of Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) Australia, the WFTU Delegation has visited Australia and held important discussions with sector-based and national unionist leaders in this far-away country. The WFTU Delegation headed by comrade **George Mavrikos** visited big work places and had many important bilateral contacts. They have also participated in strike and protest of Australia Trade Unions on 30 November 2006. The strike meeting took place in Wollongong city, in a central stadium. 7.000 workers have participated. George



1st International Trade Union Conference, "The social phenomenon of immigration in the 21st century", Brussels, Belgium

Mavrikos and John Sutton, member of WFTU's Presidential Council addressed the protesters. The WFTU Delegation has visited (apart from Wollongong) the cities of Sydney, Newcastle and Melbourne and spoke to local meetings of workers and unionists about WFTU role, its priorities and actual aims. In the meetings in Melbourne and Sydney have also assisted and greeted Parliamentary Deputies of Australia. The WFTU General



General Secretary addressing a speech to the workers of Sydney, Australia

Secretary also had a very good discussion with a Deputy of party of Greens Mrs Lee Rhiannon who follows with much interest the new course of WFTU.

SOLIDARITY & INTERNATIONALISM CAMPAINS

1. We participated in the demonstrations against the Israeli invasion in Lebanon. We organised protests in International Organisations. We sent symbolic financial help to FENASOL in Lebanon and GUPW in Palestine.
2. A big International Solidarity Event was organized on the framework of the European Trade Union Conference organized in Athens, on September 10th about the war in Lebanon.



Protest of solidarity to the Republic of Korea, Athens, Greece

3. On October 17th, WFTU launched a press release on International Day against Poverty, promoting the demand of WFTU to erase the debts of poor Third World Countries.
4. On November 13th a Protest took place in front of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Athens Greece. The Delegation was composed by trade union cadres of the World Federation of Trade Unions and PAME

who represents the class trade union movement of Greece. The unionists submitted to the Embassy a written Memorandum and they demanded the satisfaction of the requests of KCTU. They expressed at the same time full solidarity with the Strike taking place in Korea at the same day.

TRADE UNION INTERNATIONALS (TUI's)

The strengthening of the WFTU, through the building of new TUI's and the strengthening of the ones that already function was a necessity. The TUI's are a very critical aspect of WFTU for a lot of reasons. Mainly because through the TUI's we can analyze the modern phenomena in the productive process, the changes that take place every day by the capitalistic reformations, we can



Solidarity Event with Lebanon held in Athens, Greece



Conference on the "120 years of Labour Day – The rights of youth and immigrants", Athens Greece

be in contact with the factories and the sectors of production and because through the work of WFTU TUI's we can come in contact and common action with other branch trade unions that are interested in the class course and the militant co-ordination even if they are not members of the WFTU.

Until 2006 the TUI's that we had were:

- TUI Building - UITBB
- TUI Energy
- TUI of Agricultural Products
- TUI of Public Services
- TUI of Teachers.

The activities and the initiatives that the WFTU TUI's were taking were appreciable and important. Through them, our collective presence in international level,

strengthened. We constantly made positive steps in certain TUI's. A similar successful presence was the congress of TUI Building with the attendance of more organisations than previously. With the clear promotion of the role and work of WFTU, with militant orientation and attendance of many workers of the sector.



Official bilateral meeting of WFTU with Mr. Juan Somavia, General Director of ILO

At the same time, there are a lot of other branches, where we should organise the presence of WFTU:

- Metal Industry,
- Health Care,
- Mass Media,
- Banks,
- Services,
- Hotel-Tourism etc

in a way that the presence of class trade union movement is promoted in all basic sectors.

IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETINGS

In the framework of the 95th ILC, WFTU had an official bilateral meeting with **Mr. Juan Somavia**. The delegation of WFTU presented to the General Director

of ILO its thoughts and proposals for ILO and its function.

OTHER

1. A new WFTU website was designed, in the address: www.wftucentral.org which includes links with a lot of our organisations. The web page ought to be continuously improving. It is the WFTU window to the world. It is a basic way of communication between us. From there, friends as well as enemies can see us. News and activities of our organizations can be uploaded as well as, lots of documents in various languages.

2. The filing and evaluation of the WFTU archive for the period 1994-2005 proceeded. Some of the materials are shown in the WFTU website.

3. The WFTU Web site started to work on January and more than 3.500 people visit it every month

to learn the latest WFTU news. It is in English, French, Spanish, Arab and Russian. Nowadays, one can also find it in Portuguese.

LABOUR DAY

WFTU Central Offices organized a **Conference** in Athens, dedicated to the “**120 years of Labour Day – The rights of youth and immigrants**”. During the discussion it was stated that the knowledge of history of the trade-union movement is useful for every militant unionist. The class trade-union movement is struggling to shape a type of young people who will be a proud and honest fighter, an active member of social life, educated and cultured, who will express his/her opinion and will not be afraid to support it even if he/she has to fight for it. About 400 young workers participated, as long with delegations from Cyprus, LAB, Bolivia, Greece Russia, Palestine etc.

A poster for May Day, 2006 was designed and printed and was then sent to all Affiliated Organisations and a lot of our friends.

WFTU IN UN, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, HRC, UNCTAD

Meetings and activities in the UN:

On August 2006, the United Nations sent an urgent reminder to the WFTU Central Offices informing us that due to the fact that our Organisation had not submitted a quinquennial report nor for the period 1998-2001 nor for the 2002-2005, WFTU was on the risk of losing its consultative status in the UN.

WFTU managed the following years to overcome this risk by intensifying and strengthening its presence and its role in the UN.

1. 30 January to 3 February: WFTU attended the HRC Working





**The workers give
motion
to the World**

Group for a draft Declaration on Indigenous rights.

Meetings and Activities in the ILO:

1. 24-28 of April: WFTU attended at the 4th Session of the Committee for Immigrants Rights protection

2. 1-19 May: WFTU followed the 36th Session of the Committee for Cultural, Social and Economic rights.

3. 8-13 May: WFTU participated in an ILO Expert Meeting on security and health in carbon mines.

4. On 31 May to 16 June we organised our presence in the 95th ILC in Geneva where our President, comrade Shaban Azzouz participated in the presiding board of working representatives.

5. 20-21 November: WFTU attended an ILO International Conference on International Institutions Reforms.

6. 27 November to 8 December,

WFTU followed some meetings of the 3rd Session of the Humans Rights Council.

7. The WFTU attended the 295th, 296th and 297th ILO Governing Body Sessions held in March, June and November respectively.

8. 12 December: WFTU participated in the ILO workshop on decent work in building sector.

Meetings and activities in the HRC

1. 13 March to 21 April: WFTU participated in the 62th Commission of Humans Rights.

2. 18 September to 6 October: WFTU followed some meetings of the 2th Session from the Humans Rights Council.

Meetings and activities in the UNCTAD

29 November to 1 December: (UNCTAD) Experts Meeting on the participation from developing countries in the world trade new

and dynamics sectors: review of energetic sector (TUI Energy participation).

PUBLICATIONS

We drew and distributed an important, luxurious form in five (5) languages titled: "New Page" (in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic). It has been distributed to a lot of countries.

POSTERS

Besides the May Day Poster, WFTU Central Offices also designed and distributed a poster on the event of the Conference in Brussels, on the subject of Immigration, which was sent by e-mail or post, to all Trade Union organisations. With this posters and publications, a new era starts in the design and the cultural and artistic perception of WFTU were dynamic, realism, the culture, the colours, the structure always try to be in harmony with the content. This way we manage to have good and beautiful publications.



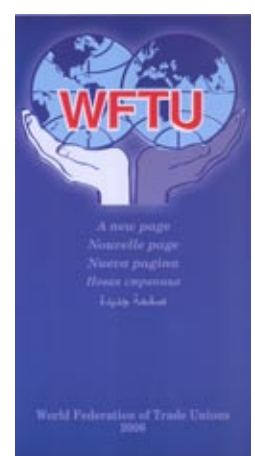
Poster of the International Conference on the phenomenon of Immigration



Poster of the International Trade Union Conference in solidarity to the people of Lebanon



Poster "WFTU is not neutral"



Booklet "New Page"

Pictures worth thousands of words



One picture is worth a thousand words

A collage of various photographs showing people at conferences, meetings, and protests. In the foreground, a large, textured red map of Africa is superimposed over the images. The background photos include: a group of people standing in front of a banner that reads 'Class Oriented United Modern Democratic Independent'; a large audience seated in a hall; a man wearing a white t-shirt with 'CTB' on it; a group of people at a conference with a banner that reads 'INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONFERENCE' and 'EQUAL RIGHTS AT WORK'; and a group of people seated at a table with a banner that reads 'C.O.O. - UGT TRINIDORES'. The entire composition is set against a white background with a large red diagonal shape on the left side.



1ST PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING— BRUSSELS, DECEMBER 20-21, 2006

The 1st WFTU Presidential Council was held in Brussels on 20-21st December, 2006 in the European Parliament. The participation, the discussions and resolutions of the meeting were at a very good level. The discussions were fraternal and in the frame of militant unity.

This way, through this activity the new paths that WFTU was discovering step-by-step started to appear and WFTU started to enter an upward course and it is strengthening day by day.

After a democratic, collective and open dialogue that lasted two days, the resolutions were unanimously taken.

The **most important of these**

resolutions were:

- The approval of the report of the Secretariat action for 2006, and the financial report.
- The Central WFTU offices to remain and function in Athens until new decision.
- Within 2007 a World Conference on Working Women to be organized. For the preparation of the Conference a preparatory committee was formed.
- To declare within the year a common day of action for the "Trade Union Rights". Additionally, charges about violations of trade union and democratic rights to be gathered and presented in ILO.
- To demand the equivalence that did not exist, within the ILO.
- Enhancement of WFTU presence in the International Organisations.
- Trade Union Training

- To organise regional trade union meetings in every continent with the participation of affiliated and friendly organizations.
- Foundation of regional office in Africa and East Europe.
- Foundation of new sector-based Organisations (TUI's) in Tourism, Trade, Hotels, Metal, Transportation and Local Government.
- The formation of a committee for the modification of the constitution.
- Affiliation requests were approved and became WFTU affiliates.
- Approval of the financial budget for 2007
- Approval of the publication of resolutions of solidarity.

Of great interest were the speeches of the Presidential Council Members concerning the developments in the



1st Presidential Council Meeting, Brussels

International Trade Union Movement, the changes that take place and the tasks of the class-oriented trade union movement. All members agreed that in these conditions the World Working Class needs a trade union movement with class orientation, which will unite all workers in the struggle against poverty, imperialism, for a world without exploitation of man by man.

WFTU would be able to play this role with its reinforcement, modernization in action and initiatives, with its stable orientation in collectiveness and Democracy, its stable and independent attitude towards the monopolies and the multinationals, and the development of solidarity, friendship and internationalism between all workers.

Informal Presidential Council & The Council of Friends

In Geneva during the 96th ILC, the Informal Session of the Presidential Council was held on June 11. Also, this was the

first time after a long time when the members and first of WFTU gathered all together in a preparatory and coordinational meeting for the Conference of the ILO. The meeting was held on first day of the ILC.

On June 13th, the 2nd Meeting of the **WFTU Council of Friends** was held. Of particular significance was the fact that this year 28 trade unions participated in this conference.

FORA, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANISED

1. 17 May: The WFTU organized a **European Trade Union Conference** in Athens, in a central hotel. The subject was "**The Truth About Darfur**". 15 European trade unions participated and the President of SWTUF, Professor



"The Truth About Darfur", European Trade Union Conference, Athens, Greece

Ibrahim Gandhour presented the main speech. All participants addressed the Conference, expressing their support and solidarity with the workers and people of Sudan.

2. The **International Trade Union Conference of Working Women** was held in Brussels on September 13-14th, with the participation of 96 women from 62 countries representing 80 trade unions. A plan of work was adopted and regional women's conferences in every continent were agreed to be organised during 2008, in order to effectively promote the Conference's resolutions. The success of the Conference inspired a great deal of optimism in all the participants.

MEETINGS HELD

1. A **Meeting of the Women Preparatory Committee** was held in Athens. Twelve women trade unionists participated. The Preparatory Committee was coordinated by comrade Amarjeet Kaur, member of AITUC leadership.

2. An event of major importance was the **WFTU Regional Meeting of Asia Pacific affiliates and friends** organized November 28-29, in New Delhi hosted by AITUC and AIBEA with responsibility of colleague H. Mahadevan who is in charge of the Asia Pacific Regional Office. The meeting was successful in many aspects. It analyzed the situation in the region, focused on the necessity of cooperation to promote

the role of our organisation in active ways and underlined the meaning of coordination between affiliates and friends in order to face the strong effects of capitalist globalisation in the area. The WFTU General Secretary participated in the meeting and met with many unionists. The meeting adopted the "WFTU Charter of Demands" for the Asia Pacific Region and the Resolution on the ILO.



WFTU Regional Meeting of Asia Pacific affiliates and friends, New Delhi

3. Meeting of Preparatory Committee of TUI Metal in San Sebastian hosted by LAB (with the participation of CITU India, Federation National De Mineros y Metalurgicos del Peru, CSC Brazil, PAME Greece and Valentin Pacho on behalf of the Secretariat).

DELEGATIONS SENT

1. Participation in the Annual Meeting of the WFTU Regional Office Europe in Cyprus. The meeting was hosted by the PEO Cyprus.

2. We participated in the Congress of the International Federation of Teachers FISE, in India.

3. Participation in the Congress of CITU India. The WFTU General Secretary addressed the Congress and during his stay in Bangalore he had bilateral meetings and press conferences. He also met with Gurudas Das Gupta, General Secretary of AITUC and they had important discussions.

4. Colleague Ali Muhiedine of FENASOL Lebanon, a member of the P.C. represented the WFTU at the Congress of the General Confederation of Greek Workers held in Athens giving a short address.

5. The WFTU participated in the XIV Congress of WDIF, the Women Democratic Federation held in Caracas, Venezuela on the subject "Women of the world struggling against neoliberal globalization, terrorism and wars". The attendance and presence of WFTU unionists was important.

6. On June 16-17th Adib Miro, Deputy General Secretary participated in the 3rd PAME Congress in Athens.

7. On June 21 and 22nd in Cyprus we participated in the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the European TUI for Agriculture to be held on March 2008 in Paris.

8. The WFTU General Secretary participated in the 8th National NEHAWU Congress in Johannesburg South Africa. During this visit the General

Secretary met with all affiliates and friends of WFTU present at the Congress.

9. WFTU participated in the Congress of the General Union of Palestine Workers in Amman Jordan. We expressed our full and stable solidarity with the heroic struggle of Palestinian people and underlined the need for the recognition of a Palestinian state with Eastern Jerusalem as the capital.

10. October 19th, PEO Cyprus hosted the Public Services Conference in Nicosia and the WFTU was represented by our Cypriot comrades.

11. October 27th, we participated in the foundational Congress of LAS in Italy. Students and youth were represented by comrade Theofilos Papapanagiotou, who addressed the congress on the situation of youth in Europe.

12. On November 11th in Athens Greece, the Federation of Greek Women was organizing a Seminar on International Solidarity and WFTU was represented by its General Secretary.

13. GFTU Syria held its 25th Congress on 17-20 November in Damascus and WFTU was represented by the General Secretary who addressed the Congress and headed the foreign delegates in a meeting with Vice President of State.

14. On November 17th, in Portugal, we participated in the Constituent Congress of

Transport and Communication Unions Federation of CGTP-IN, represented by two trade unions of railway workers and workers in aircraft industries who addressed the Congress, sending an open call for cooperation.

15. On November 19-23rd, in Paris, FNIC-CGT France held its 37th Congress and invited the WFTU which was represented by Pambis Kyritsis, WFTU Vice President and General Secretary of PEO Cyprus, who addressed the Congress.

16. On November 19th, in Nicosia Cyprus, PEO Cyprus held an International Seminar on immigrant workers and WFTU was represented by its General Secretary.

17. On November 23rd and

24th, the 7th Meeting of EUROF was held in Barcelona and the WFTU was represented by Osiris Oviedo de la Torre, Secretariat Member. In the EUROF Meeting participated 62 delegates from 33 trade unions.

SOLIDARITY & INTERNATIONALISM CAMPAINS

1. The WFTU organized a **protest outside the WTO Offices in Geneva** demanding that the debts of poor Third World countries be erased. The police tried to stop our comrades, without success.

2. Moral and material support was offered in the working class of Bangladesh through the trade unions affiliates in the country on the occasion of huge

destruction.

TRADE UNION INTERNATIONALS (TUI's)

A Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of TUI Transport was held in Athens with the participation of eleven trade unions. It was decided to accept the invitation of CSC Brazil and hold the Congress of Transport in November in Brazil. The TUI Transport was re-established and the TUI Energy Congress was held. The decisions and the documents of these Congresses, as well as the election of new leaderships created new possibilities.

TUI's of Construction and Agricultural Products with their total common effort they managed to reinforce the





"Cancel the debts of the poor countries", WFTU protest in the WTO offices, 2007

initiatives which were taken in 2007.

WFTU TOUR

A tour by the WFTU General Secretary was organized in the Latin American region.

Comrade General Secretary participated in the demonstration and events on May Day organized by CTC Cuba. An important Common Agreement of Work between CTC and WFTU was signed during this tour. Also a Meeting of the Regional Office in Latin America was organized with the participation of about 200 trade unionists from Latin America.

WFTU General Secretary had the opportunity to hold a Meeting with WFTU Vice Presidents of the Region, Meetings with trade union affiliates and friends in Venezuela and a Meeting

with trade union affiliates in Colombia.

A Trade Union meeting was also organized in Ecuador with about one hundred trade unionists. During his tour in Latin America the General Secretary of WFTU together with comrade Ramon Cardona, Head of the Regional Office of Latin America, addressed speeches in workplaces, took part in press conferences, had meetings with political representatives. The work of Regional Office Latin America and the personal contribution of comrade Ramon Cardona were positive and very well structured and promoted the positions of the WFTU at all levels. The support given by CTC to the Regional Office was very significant.

IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETINGS

1. Following an invitation by the WFTU the General Secretary of OATUU **Mr. Hassan Sumonu** visited the WFTU headquarters. During his stay in Athens, Mr. Sumonu met the General Secretary and discussed various topics promoting cooperation and common initiatives between our two organizations. Mr. Sumonu also met with Greek trade unions and visited workplaces.

2. Special importance is attributed to the bilateral meeting of WFTU and ICATU in Damascus on 17th November. A meeting which resulted in



WFTU in Cuba

the signing of a Protocol of Cooperation between our two organisations.

3. Bilateral meetings were held in WFTU Central Offices during visits of representatives of Workers House of Iran, the Chairperson of KMU Philippines, students of SISA Switzerland, Jesus Ramon Gonzalez Boan from CIG Galicia, the General Secretary and Chairperson of Pakistan Labor Federation, Quim Boix from Spain and others.



The General Secretary of OATUU Mr. Hassan Sumonu visited the WFTU headquarters

OTHER

A Tunisian social scientist worked on the evaluation of **WFTU archives** and translated documents into Arabic.

LABOUR DAY

WFTU arranged the printing and distribution of two posters on Labor Day. One was dedicated to youth and the other expressed the request for trade union freedom in Colombia and the Philippines.

Both posters launched a great message. The first one for the special attention of WFTU towards



WFTU - ICATU, Protocol of Cooperation, Damascus, Syria

the Youth and the second one for the internationalism of WFTU towards the working class of Colombia and Philippines.

WFTU IN UN, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, HRC, UNCTAD

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in UN

1. March 5: Conference on Trafficking in women and girls
2. March 28: Summit on Darfur April 2: ECOSOC
3. 2-5 July: WFTU attended the ECOSOC Substantive Session and Forum on Cooperation for Development held in Geneva.
3. September 5-7: 60th Annual DPI/NGO Conference
4. 5 to 7 December: General Assembly of the Conference of NGOs with consultative status in ECOSOC.

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in the ILO

1. 26 February to 2 March: WFTU attended and presented a paper at the Working Group of the Humans Rights Council on the "Right to Development".
2. 8-30 March: 298th session of the ILO Governing Body
3. 12 March to 6 April: 4th Session of the Humans Rights Council and made oral interventions in the Interactive Dialog on 3 issues. (a) the use of mercenaries as a mean to violate human rights and obstacle the exercise of peoples' right to self-determination; (b) Transnational and Humans Rights; (c) Arbitrary Detention, Freedom of Opinion and Speech and Religious Freedom. We also attended a collateral meeting on the issue of Darfur.

4. 24-27 April: ILO 11th Regional African Meeting in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

Colleague Ibrahim Sylla, WFTU Responsible for the Regional Office of Africa participated in this meeting. He addressed the Plenary and held bilateral meetings with African trade unions. Much interest has been expressed towards WFTU to learn about its present course and action plan, besides informative material was distributed.

5. 10-30 May: WFTU Permanent Representative participated in the ILO Internship on Decent work and Social Policies during three weeks, which was organized by the International Labor Institute.



11th Regional African Meeting, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

6. 29 May to 14 June: 96th International Labour Conference. The **WFTU President Shaban Azouz** as part of the Workers Group Presidency and the General Secretary addressed the Human Rights Commission and supported trade unionists in Colombia, Philippines who are being persecuted. The WFTU had a very good presence in the annual ILC. The election of ACFTU in the Governing Body was a

new positive step The WFTU organized three meetings in the 96 ILC framework: (a) An initial preparatory meeting; (b) An Informal Presidential Council; (c) Friends Council. George Mavrikos made a speech in the Plenary Session and he also met several trade union organizations during his stay in Geneva. The WFTU Representative Osiris Oviedo in Geneva also made a speech in UN on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Israeli Occupation over Palestine.

7. 11-18 June: During the 5th Session of the Humans Rights Council there were oral interventions from George Mavrikos, our General Secretary, on Cuba and also comrade Ibrahim Gandhour, WFTU Vice President on the issue of Sudan.

8. 28-30 June: WFTU Permanent Representative participated in the Civil Society Development Forum "Countdown to 2015" in



The Secretariat addressing the workers inside a factory, Athens



The General Secretary with African trade unionist, Central Offices of WFTU, Athens

Geneva. Nearly 600 participants representing 300 NGOs from 75 countries met to discuss the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) fulfilment previous to the ECOSOC Session.

9. 24-28 September: WFTU attended the ILO Tripartite Meeting on the Impact of Global Food Chains on Employment. TUIs of Agriculture (UISTAACT) sent comrade Bernard Gleize, as its representative.

10. 8-12 October: International Workers' Symposium on the Role of Trade Unions in Workers' Education: the Key to Trade Union Capacity Building. Comrade Chrisoula Lampoudi, Member of WFTU Educational Committee and Osiris Oviedo attended this meeting.

11. 31 October - 2 November: ILO Forum on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization held in Lisbon, Portugal. The WFTU delegation was composed by Jose Dinis, Member of WFTU Presidential Council and General Secretary TUI Building.

12. 5-15 November: WFTU attended and intervened during the 300th ILO Governing Body.

13. 16 November: ILO Multiforum on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of ILO Declaration about Multinational and Social Policy.

14. 3 December: ILO public panel discussion on "Decent Work for



WFTU Seminar, Brussels

disabled people" as a part of the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

15. 10-13 December: Expert Meeting on Hazardous Substances with the participation of comrade Abelardo Landeira, Deputy General Secretary from TUI Energy.

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in UNESCO Headquarters

1. Participation in the UNESCO



WFTU Delegation to China

Conference on the subject of 'Cultures and Peace'. The WFTU representative presented a paper on how cultural dialogue is affecting peace. The new WFTU representative Apostolos Sotiropoulos took initiatives and strengthened the presence of WFTU in UNESCO.

2. February 15: Day for action: Culture and Peace

3. September 27-29: Participation in the Meeting of Executive Committee

4. October 16 – November 3: Participation in the 34th Session of General Conference and presentation of 3 projects on the topics of UNESCO agenda on illiteracy, mass media and racism and on AIDS/HIV.

5. December 5-7: Participation in the Meeting of NGO-Liaison committee, support of nominee from FISE, Biju Longhinos.

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in FAO Headquarters, Rome

1. Our representative Annalaura Casadei passed away and we are now represented by colleague Vincenzo Bellini.

2. March 5-9: Committee on Fisheries

3. April 25-28: Session on Agriculture

4. November 17-24 : 34th Session of FAO Conference

5. WFTU also participated in the

FAO Conference on agriculture held in Rome.

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in the HRC

10-14 December: 7th Session of the Humans Rights Council, WFTU Permanent Representative attended some sessions and side events.

PUBLICATIONS

1. At the beginning of the year, we printed and distributed the WFTU document entitled "**PLATFORM**", a publication which was decided to be launched by the 2nd Presidential Council in Brussels, on December 2006. Its ideological, political and trade-union content was approved by the Presidential Council in December 2006. 15,000 copies were published in 5 languages: English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. The cost of printing was covered by the Greek Federation of Construction workers and we thank them. This document is very important and promotes the work of WFTU.

2. The Campaign "**Enrol in Trade Unions**" in four languages (5.000 copies). An important campaign organised by the new leadership of WFTU in an effort to strengthen the trade union organisations. New members to sign in, fresh air to be entered in their essence and action.

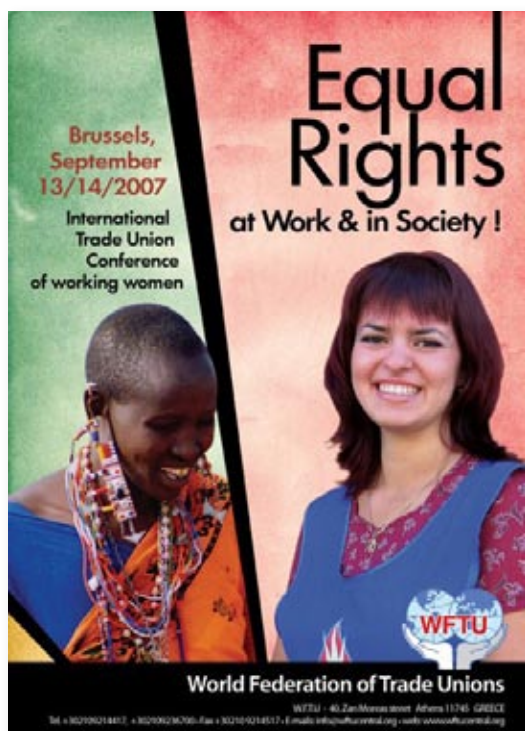
3. "**COMMENTS**" number 2 and 3, in English, French, Spanish and Russian language (300 copies).

POSTERS

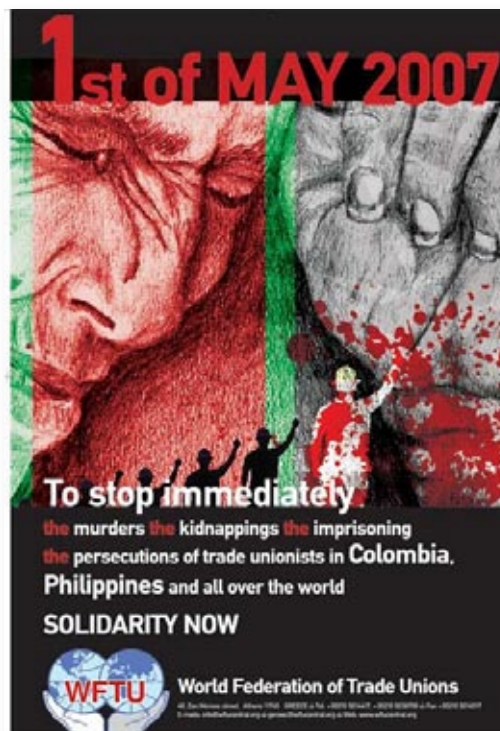
1. 2 Posters, one on **May Day** and one for solidarity with trade unionists in Colombia and the Philippines who have been persecuted and murdered (5.000 copies).

2. A special poster was produced on the International Trade Union Conference of Working Women. (3.000 copies)

Posters & Publications



Poster, International Conference on Working Women 2007, Brussels



May Day Poster, Solidarity with trade unionists in Colombia and the Philippines



May Day Poster 2007



Platform



Leaflet of the Campaign "Enrol in Trade Unions"



"Comments", issue 2





Report of Action 2008

2nd PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING - KHARTOUM SUDAN, JANUARY 14-15th, 2008

The 2nd Presidential Council held in Khartoum, Sudan, on January 14-15th, 2008 was very successful. The Members of the Presidential Council discussed on the report of the year 2007 and planned the new activities for the year 2008. The course of WFTU was estimated as upward and the action plan for 2008 was more complete.

The Presidential Council also discussed the situation in the ILO and the position of WFTU in the International Labour Office. The lack of objectivity and equality in the ILO was criticized.

The work of WFTU in UN and

UNESCO was estimated as positive but the work in the International Organisation needs to be constantly strengthened.

Furthermore, the financial report and the action plan for 2008 were widely and openly discussed.

The main targets of the action plan were:

- The establishment of new TUI's, the activation of a Regional Office in Africa and the reinforcement of the work of all TUI's and Regional Offices together with the efforts concerning the modification of the Constitution of the WFTU.
- The formation of a study team on contemporary problems such as the debt of the Third World, and the climatic changes.
- The conferences of Women Workers in all continents and the

fulfillment of two seminars in cooperation with the ACTRAV. Our activity against the greed of the transnationals.

- The common efforts with the ICATU and the Arab World and the CTC of Cuba for the solidarity with the people in Latin America and the strengthening of our presence in ILO, UNESCO, the UN and FAO.

- The further common efforts to strengthen more the fraternal relations. We share common targets for the Trade Union Forum of Beijing.

- The concentration and the utilization of the historical file of the WFTU and the publishing of books which will promote its activity and help the younger generations to be educated.



ICATU - WFTU International Seminar



Delegation from Belarus

FORA, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANISED

1. Participation in the **Trade Union Forum** jointly organized by ACFTU, WFTU, ICATU and OATUU in Beijing. This year the topic was "Sustainable Development of Economy and Society, Decent Work and the Role of Trade Unions".
2. **Conference of African Trade Unions**. It was the first conference held in Africa in many years. We voted a special action programme for Africa with many initiatives.
3. The WFTU organized an **International Trade Union Symposium** jointly with ICATU in Athens, in a central Hotel

on subject "the cooperation between workers of North and South to deal with the consequences of globalisation", with the participation of delegates from 13 Arab and 4 European countries. The Symposium was a successful one. During its works there was a rich debate among participant trade union organisations with fraternal spirit, rich interventions and a Final Declaration was adopted. In the Symposium was also present and addressed a speech the Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece Mr. Tsiatsiamis.

4. 14 November, Lagos Nigeria: **WFTU Semirar on Basic Needs and Reducing Poverty for all** and 15 November WFTU **African Regional Meeting** with the participation of delegates

representing 12 African countries. Both activities were organized and hosted by the Nigerian Trade unions ASSBIFI, ATSSAN, NACOISAN, NUATE and NUHPSW. WFTU was represented by Adib Miro and Yacine Ben Chikha. A new big step for the WFTU.

5. 15-16 November Lisbon Portugal: WFTU and 3 Federations of CGTP-IN, FEVICOM, FESAHT and SNTSF organize an **International Symposium in Globalization and the consequences of the economic crisis on workers' rights** with the participation of 39 foreign delegates representing 25 countries and 109 portuguese trade unionists. It was unanimously decided to celebrate April 1st 2009 as International Day of struggle



WFTU Semirar on Basic Needs and Reducing Poverty for all, Lagos, Nigeria



WFTU Asia Pacific Regional Meeting, Kathmandu Nepal



2nd Presidential Council held in Khartoum, Sudan



International Symposium in Globalization and the consequences of the economic crisis on workers' rights, Lisbon, Portugal

with main slogan: "International Day of struggle for workers rights against exploitation". After many years, WFTU had a strong presence in Portugal.

MEETINGS HELD

1. 18-23 September : **Transport Meeting in Athens.** Visits in workplaces. Cde Jose Manuel Oliveira, President of TUI Transport was heading the delegation.

2. 22 September Kathmandu Nepal: **WFTU Asia Pacific Regional Meeting** under the guidance of comrade H. Mahadevan with the participation of affiliates and friends from the region. This meeting proves the progress achieved by the Regional Office of Asia Pacific.

3. 3-5 December Trivandrum India: 39th Congress of AITUC. **Meeting of Indian women trade unionists** with the WFTU General Secretary to prepare the next Asia Pacific meeting.

DELEGATIONS SENT:

1. Participation in the CGTP-IN Congress in Lisbon Portugal. General Secretary George Mavrikos and colleague Kali Patouna represented the WFTU at this important event.

2. Participation in the Arab Labour Organization 35th Conference held in Sham El Sheik in Egypt. President Shabban Azzouz represented the WFTU.

3. Colleague Apostolos Sotiropoulos, WFTU

permanent representative in UNESCO, participated in the 50th anniversary of AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLES' SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION - AAPSO under the title "AAPSO in a globalized interdependent World" which took place in Egypt.

4. Colleague Chrisoula Lamboudi, President of the Teachers Union of Athens, represented the WFTU at the Conference on Women held in Lahore Pakistan organized by GFTU.

5. Comrade Mahadevan represented the WFTU at the UTUC Lenin Sarani Congress.

6. Participation at the UGTA Algeria Congress held in Alger. Deputy General Secretary Adib Miro represented WFTU in this event.

7. Deputy General Secretary Valentin Pacho attended the World Peace Council World Assembly held in Caracas Venezuela.

8. Comrades from VGCL Vietnam represented the WFTU at the Conference held in Kerala by SIGTUR India.

9. A WFTU delegation headed by its General Secretary participated



10th National Congress of VGCL, Vietnam

in the OATUU Congress held in Tripoli, Libya.

Comrade George Mavrikos had a high level meeting with comrade Mahmud Mustafa Zletni, General Secretary of General Federation of Producers Trade Unions of Libya.

10. 3rd Congress of FESAHT in Lisbon Portugal. The WFTU was represented by cde Lorena Jaime

11. 27-29 June, Ankara Turkey: KESK Congress, WFTU was represented by cde George Pontikos.

12. 2-4 August: AICCTU 7th National Conference, Chennai India : cde H Mahadevan

represented the WFTU.

13. 20-21 September, Athens Greece: General Secretary participated in the African Seminar of PAME on subject: "The immigration of African workers in Europe".

14. 9-11 October Panama: XVI Congress of the Central National of Panama Workers (CNTP), Antonio Netto and Ramon Cardona.

15. 19-21 October Sahara: UGT Sario 6th Congress, Quim Boix participated on behalf of WFTU.

16. 31 October – 1 November: Vaso Moukanou represented WFTU Youth Secretariat in WDFY Seminar on Human Rights in Bahrein.

17. 3-5 November Hanoi Vietnam: 10th National Congress of VGCL, WFTU is represented by the General Secretary.

18. 7-9 November Valencia Spain: 34th Session of EUCOCO Conference on Sahara, WFTU was represented by Quim Boix.

19. 13-14 November CGTP-IN organized an International Seminar on Working Time in Europe and WFTU was represented by its Scientific Councilor Dr Maximos Aligisakis.

20. 15-18 November New Delhi: George Pontikos on behalf of WFTU attended the 26th AIBEA Conference.

21. 19 November Nicosia Cyprus:



AITUC Massive Rally, India

PEO Cyprus held an International Seminar on immigrant workers and WFTU was represented by its General Secretary.

22. 20-22 November Nicosia Cyprus: 25th PEO Congress. The WFTU General Secretary addressed the Congress.

23. 27-29 November Montevideo Uruguay : At the 10th Congress of PIT CNT, Anibal Melo represented WFTU.

24. 28-29 November, Managua, Nicaragua: Continental Meeting of TUI Agroalimentary workers.

25. 29 November – 1 December, Moscow Russia : 13th Congress of Communist Party of the Russian Federation with the participation of Adib Miro. In the framework of the congress



Event in Solidarity with Colombian trade unionists, Geneva

the WFTU held many bilateral meetings and discussions with Russian trade unionists.

26. 2-12 December: a 14-member Delegation of WFTU composed by TUI's Presidents and General Secretaries and led by Valentin Pacheco and Osiris Oviedo visit China for a trade union seminar. During their visit the members of the delegation met with ACFTU leadership, had bilateral meetings with branch unions and had a tour in workplaces in three cities.

27. 2 December Trivandrum India: AITUC Massive Rally. The WFTU General Secretary addressed the participants.

28. 5 December Tihuaná Mexico: 5th Conference of North American Trade Unionists and leaders of Social Organisations with Latin American Trade Unionists. Ramon Cardona represented WFTU.

29. 5-6 December Colombia : III Congress of the Communist Youth.

30. 6 December, Brazil: At the 4th UST Congress WFTU was represented by Anibal Melo.

SOLIDARITY & INTERNATIONALISM CAMPAIGNS

1. The WFTU prepared an **Event in Solidarity with Colombian trade unionists**, which was held on 6 June in the framework of the 97th ILO, on the occasion of

60th Anniversary of the Human Rights Declaration and the 60th Anniversary of Convention 87 on Freedom of Association. The meeting was chaired by George Mavrikos, WFTU General Secretary, Sir LeRoy Trotman, President of Workers Group, Mr. Dan Cunliffe, ACTRAV Director, Alfonso Ahumada Barbosa, from CUT Colombia and Ramon Cardona, Secretary of the WFTU in the American region. More than 100 workers delegates attended this activity. In this Conference, the WFTU denounced the policy of the government of Uribe, demanded the end of the murders, the assaults and the disappearances in Colombia and asked from the International Organisations to stop being spectators of these tragic facts.

2. 25-30 September: **Caravan of Solidarity with Lebanon and Syria**. The WFTU is represented by its General Secretary. Meetings with the leadership of CGT Lebanon, with FENASOL, with the leadership of Hesbolah and the Prime Minister of Lebanon Mr. Siniora. In Damascus Syria, meeting with the Vice President of the Syrian Republic.

3. December 29: **Solidarity with Palestine**. A memorandum was



Congress of TUI Energy, Mexico

addressed to the UN General Secretary Mr. Ban Ki-moon to protest against the murders committed by the Israeli Army in Gaza Strip. Briefing of the trade union organisations of the world. Letter of the WFTU President Mohammed Shaban Azouz addressed to the international Community.

4. Technical equipment provided to the Middle East Regional Office (laptop).

5. Financial aid for the Nigerian Trade Unions to hold the activities of Seminar and Regional meeting.

6. Financial aid for tickets of many comrades from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

TRADE UNION INTERNATIONALS (TUI's)

1. **Meeting of Preparatory Committee of TUI Tourism-Hotels** in Athens with the participation of seven trade unions. It was decided to hold the Congress of Tourism and Hotels in Athens in 2008.

2. On September 26-28, a highly successful Congress was held in Mexico. The **Congress of TUI Energy** was a very important activity with encouraging results for the trade unions. 208 delegates representing 56 trade unions from 27 countries participated. A new leadership was elected headed by comrade Swadesh Dev Roye of C.I.T.U. India as President and General Secretary Martin Esparza Flores of

SME Mexico. A new Constitution was voted. The WFTU Secretariat was represented by Valentin Pacho.

3. The **TUI Transport Congress** was held in Belo Horizonte-Brazil, 10-11 December, hosted by CSC Brazil and FENAMETRO with the participation of 86 foreign delegates from 27 countries from all over the world. A. Miro and R. Cardona assisted in the Congress. The WFTU delegation was also invited to participate in the foundational Congress of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Brazil, CTB, which has 5.500.000 members and has presented to Central Offices a request for affiliation with WFTU.

4 **Meeting of TUI Metal Preparatory Committee** in Athens, LAB Basques, CITU India, WFTU Deputy Gen. Secretary Valentin Pacho and Metal Workers Unions of Athens and Piraeus. The TUI Metal foundational Congress will take place in San Sebastian on 19-20 May 2008.

5. Adib Miro, WFTU Deputy General Secretary participated in the **TUI Agricultural Congress** in Paris.

6. Participation in the European **TUI Transport Meeting** held in Cyprus.

7. Participation in the **TUI Metal Congress** held in San Sebastian and the LAB Congress. The WFTU was represented by colleague Valentin Pacho. The foundation of TUI Metal is a serious effort. A new structural step towards the strengthening of WFTU has been done.

WFTU TOUR

Tour of the WFTU Delegation headed by General Secretary and Ramon Cardona, Secretary of the Latin America Regional Office in Latin America Region. The second tour started in **Brazil** where May Day was celebrated and the General Secretary addressed the CGTB and CTB Labour Day demonstrations in Sao Paulo. The delegation visited **Uruguay** and **Peru** and the tour ended in Quito **Ecuador** where the important event Nuestra America was celebrated with the participation of more than 17 Latin American countries. It was an important meeting with good results that will open new vistas for the class-oriented trade union movement. The hospitality offered by CTE was excellent.

In Uruguay, the WFTU delegation met the PIT-CNT leadership and on the same day they spoke at a meeting of 120 trade union leaders in Montevideo.

In Peru they held a meeting with the leadership and the executive committee of CGTP and they approved joint initiatives and activities (conference on young workers, etc.).

IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETINGS

1. The WFTU General Secretary travelled to Spain and held bilateral meeting with Spanish trade union organizations in Madrid and Asturias.



Brazil - CGTB



Uruguay



Peru



Ecuador - "Nuestra America"



Frank Goldsmith, the WFTU Representative in the UN

2. Colleague Osiris Oviedo de la Torre of CTC Cuba, permanent representative of the WFTU here in ILO traveled to Angola



The Secretary for International Relations CGTP-IN, addressing the workers inside a ship being repaired, Athens Greece

and held bilateral meetings there with different Trade Union organizations.

3. A high level delegation from ACFTU China visited the WFTU central offices in Athens on May 9-11, 2008 formed by. Mr. Xu Zhenhuan, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Wang Liming, Deputy Director General; Mr. Ouyang Yingbin, Director of International Department; Ms. Xu Lu, Deputy

Director of International Department; Mr. We Chuanhua, Program Officer of International Department.

4. On June 25 – 28, Graciete Cruz, from Portugal visited the Central Offices of WFTU.

5. CGTB Brazil President Antonio Neto visits WFTU and discussed on all contemporary issues of the trade union movement.

6. On July 30th WFTU held a meeting with a delegation from the World Peace Council formed by Socorro Gomez, President and Thanassis Paphilis, General Secretary.

7. Dr. Frank Goldsmith, WFTU Permanent Representative at the UN New York visited the Central Offices on September 16-26.

8. On 19-22nd September, two bicyclists trade unionists from Workers House of Iran visit WFTU headquarters in their Peace and Solidarity Tour around Europe.

9. Accepting invitation of the



Mr. Dan Cunniah, Director of ACTRAV/ILO visited the WFTU headquarters in Athens



Labour Day 2008, Nigeria

World Federation of Trade Unions (W.F.T.U), Mr. **Dan Cunniah**, Director of ACTRAV/ILO visited the WFTU headquarters in Athens on October 27th. All the meetings were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere with a positive and collegial spirit. There was an exchange of views on the critical issues concerning workers which are on the ILO agenda as well, such as decent work, migration, poverty reduction and workers rights. Among other issues, the implications of the economic crisis, which would lead to rising unemployment and poverty while increasing the difficulties and burdening in the developing countries, were discussed.

10. 11 November: Uruguay AEBU/PIT-CNT Banks union, Leonardo Batalla, Responsible for International Affairs, visits WFTU Headquarters and holds bilateral discussions.

11. 17-19 November Athens Greece: LAB Delegation headed by its General Secretary Ainhoa Etxaide and Responsible for the

International Relations official visit WFTU headquarters and holds bilateral discussions.

LABOUR DAY

12. 9-11 December Athens Greece: a delegation of the Nile Basin Trade Union Federation of Commerce Workers headed by its General Secretary Mohammed Wahballa visited WFTU headquarters and holds bilateral discussions.

OTHER

The **WFTU Africa department starts to function** in Athens. Its main target is to establish regular contact with all WFTU Affiliates and friends in the continent through a special email (africa@wftucentral.org) and a web page link, which is going to be dedicated to African trade union activities.

On the occasion of May Day, General Secretary celebrated the International Labour Day with his tour in Latin America.

Another WFTU Delegation visited Affiliates and friends in Africa. The Delegation visited Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The delegation had the opportunity to participate in a seminar dedicated to May Day organized by the Trade Union Confederation of Sierra Leone (TUC-SL), attend to May Day celebrations, meet traditional leaders and local authorities of Sierra Leone, as well as visit various Mining Companies and hold meetings with the workers.

WFTU IN UN, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, HRC, UNCTAD

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in UN

1. Colleague Apostolos Sotiropoulos, WFTU permanent representative in UNESCO, participated in the Athens UN DP 6th Forum against poverty held in Athens and addressed the participants.

2. On September 3-5 in Paris, France, Frank Goldsmith, the WFTU Representative in the UN, participated in the 61st anniversary of the UN and DPI/ NGO Annual Conference.

3. 17 October: We attended the United Nations ceremony on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

4. 24 November, WFTU Permanent Representative attended the meeting organized by the United



2nd Presidential Council Meeting, Chartoum, Sudan



Secretariat Meeting in the Central Offices of WFTU, Athens Greece

Nations Office at Geneva on occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestine.

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in the ILO

1. 6 March, a WFTU Presidential Council delegation met with Mr. Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General and with Mr. Dan Cunniah, Director of ACTRAV, to discuss about the upcoming Governing Body elections, the discrimination against the WFTU inside the ILO and requested to organize a meeting of International Trade Unions Organizations under the umbrella of ILO to discuss these issues.

The WFTU delegation was composed of cde. Ghandour, cde. Miro, cde. Pacho, cde. Mahadevan, cde. Osiris Oviedo and cde. Pontikos. Main topic of the discussion was to put an end to the monopoly of the ITUC in

the ILO.

2. On 6-20 March the WFTU Permanent Representative attended the 301st session of the ILO Governing Body.

3. On May 19th, General Secretary of WFTU George Mavrikos and Osiris Oviedo, permanent representative in ILO, met with Mr. Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General, to denounce the monopoly inside the Workers Group in the ILO Governing Body and to propose concrete suggestions to achieve representation of all trade union trends as a solution.

4. 22 May: WFTU Oral Statement during the Human Rights Special session on Food Crisis.

5. 28 May to 13 June, 97th International Labour Conference

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George Mavrikos delivered a speech in the Solidarity Meeting with Palestine and the occupied Arab territories.

The WFTU prepared an **Event in Solidarity** with Colombian trade unionists, which was held on 6 June.

George Mavrikos pronounced a speech in the plenary session with strong criticisms concerning the elections to the Governing Body and asked for an ILO characterized by pluralism and openness to all ideologies.

6. 27 and 28 October: We participated in the Civil Society Development Forum "A platform for development: Countdown to

2015".

7.6 to 21 November, 303th session ILO Governing Body Meeting. WFTU delegation composed by Adib Miro, Vasiliki Moukanou and Osiris Oviedo.

Meetings and Activities of WFTU in the Human Rights Council

1. 3-28 March: 7th Session of the Human Rights Council. WFTU oral interventions in the Interactive Dialogue on 3 reports.

2. 1-3 September: WFTU attended the Social Forum of the

Human Rights Council.

3. 8-26 September: 9th Session of the Human Rights Council. WFTU had oral joint statement on trade union rights situation in Turkey and on the right to food.

PUBLICATIONS

1. "New Course" in English, French, Spanish in 50.000 copies. New Course (english) new edition printing.

2. Materials for the WFTU-ICATU International Trade Union Symposium.

3. Printing of "WFTU Comments"

in 4 languages.

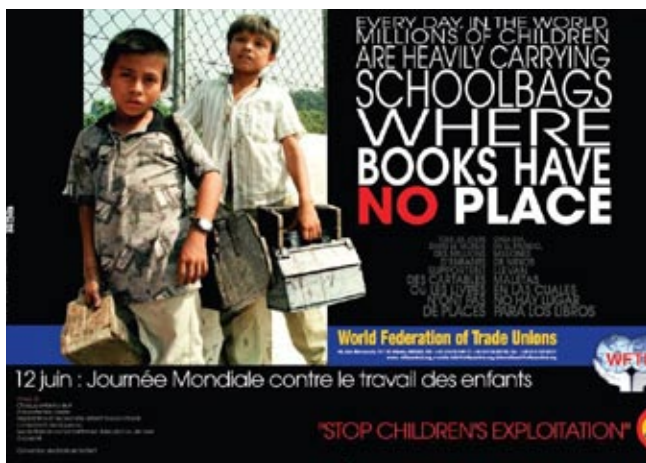
4. Poster for May 1st in english and spanish in 12.000 copies.

5. Poster for Nigeria Seminar in english

6. Poster for the Portugal International Symposium in spanish.

7. Poster "Stop Children's Exploitation"

8. Pens, caps and USB with WFTU's logo.



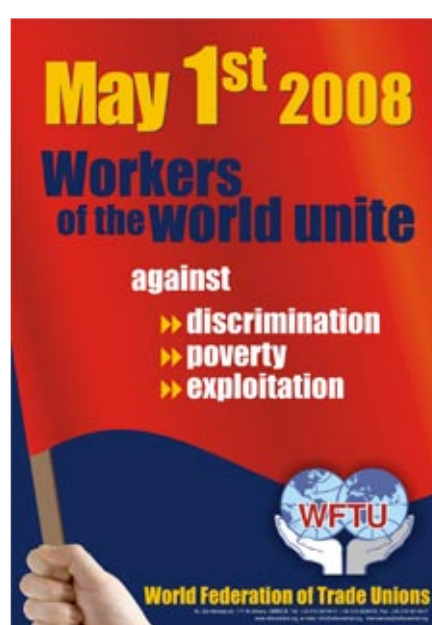
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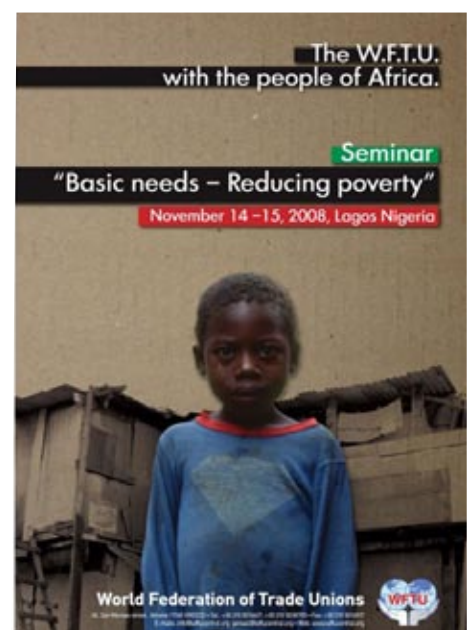
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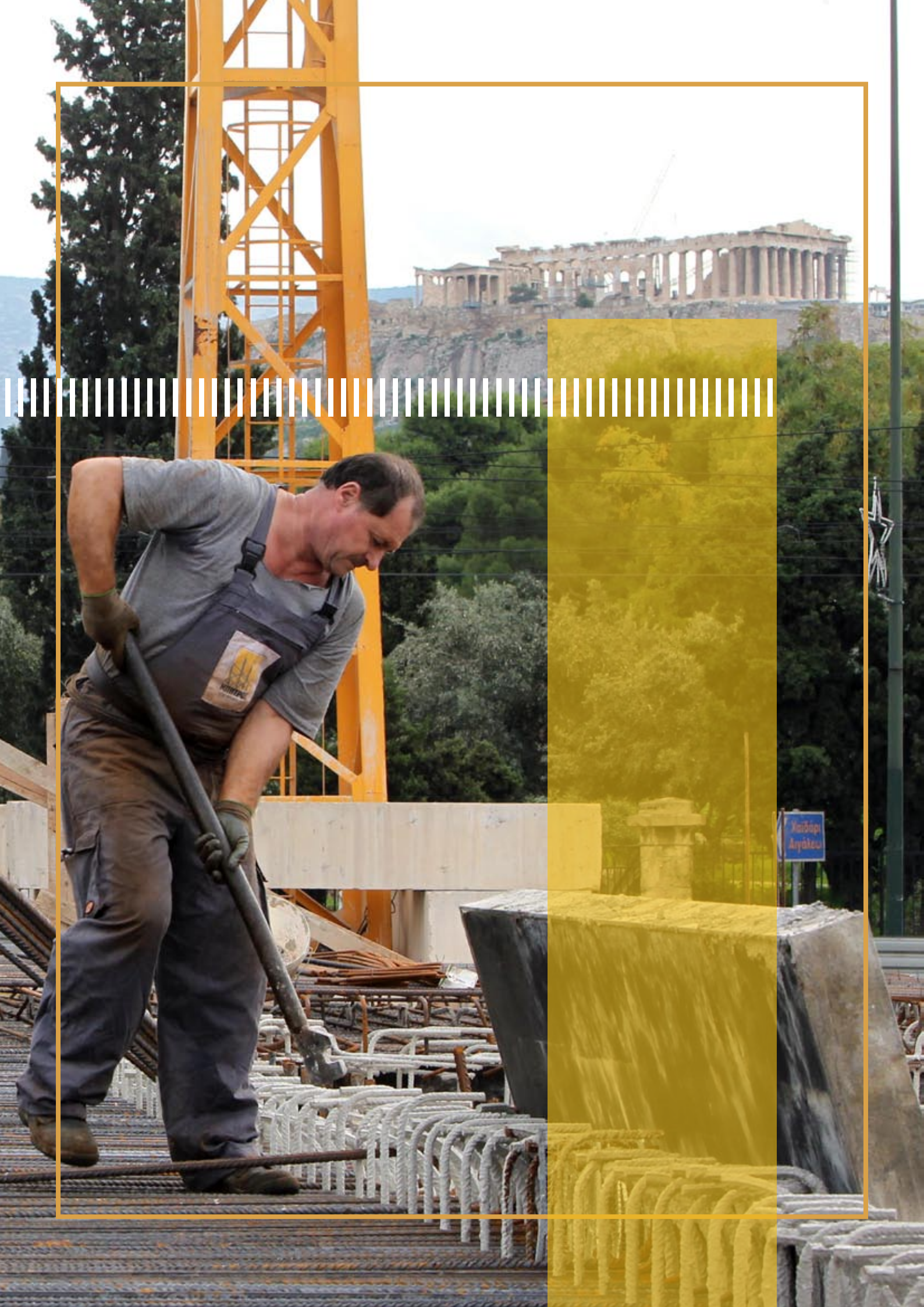


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Poster, Seminar, Nigeria







3rd WFTU PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING NICOSIA, CYPRUS, MARCH 8-9, 2009

The 3rd WFTU Presidential Council was hosted by PEO (Pancyprian Federation of Labour) in Nicosia of Cyprus on March 8-9th 2009. At the Presidential council important issues were discussed such as the Report of 2008 and the Action Plan of 2009 which were debated and adopted enthusiastically by all members. In Cyprus, the new course of WFTU that was started in Havana, was reaffirmed.

A central issue of the discussion was the international capitalist crisis, its consequences for the working class and the role of the WFTU in order to defend the life and work of workers.

The Presidential Council decided to declare the 1st April of 2009 as the International Action Day of all trade unions: A day of high importance where all trade unions would organise militant initiatives with special weight given to the workplaces. The dirty war of Israel against the people of Palestine, the continuing occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan, the situation in Pakistan, the threats against DPRKorea and Venezuela and the arrest of the President of Sudan by the International Court of Hague were some of the issues of the discussion. The Presidential Council reaffirmed its solidarity with the struggling people and decided to undertake more initiatives for their support and the expression of solidarity in their struggles.

A highlight – marking the increasing strength and breadth of presence of the WFTU – was the approval of new affiliation applications from Canary islands, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Mexico, Venezuela, Cameroon, Congo, Sri Lanka, Catalonia and Galicia.

The Action Plan of 2009 which was approved by the Presidential Council was more demanding and more enriched.

The Action Plan of 2009 contained: Trade union seminars in all continents. Conference for Working Women in all continents. Conference in Peru for the working youth. Establishment of new TUI's in Tourism and Hotel, workers in local authorities and the financial sector. International



Presidential Council, Nicosia, Cyprus 2009

solidarity with Palestine and Cuba celebrating the 70 years of CTC and the 50 years of the Cuban Revolution.

Finally, the Presidential Council Members concluded on resolution on the Korean Issue, on the Governing Body/ILO, on a resolutions for the Palestinian Issue, on solidarity appeal for the people of Cyprus and the Cypriot workers, on a solidarity appeal with the people of Sudan, on a resolution for the 70years anniversary of the CTC and the 50 years anniversary of Cuba.

Informal Presidential Council & Council of Friends

The Informal Presidential Council & the 3rd Council of Friends took place in Geneva Switzerland during 97th International Labour Conference on 28th May to 13th June.

FORA, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANISED

1. 12–13 February: **3rd International Trade Union Forum** held in Beijing, jointly organized by WFTU, ACFTU, ICATU and OATUU. This forum was on the subject of “**Scientific Development, Decent Work and Workers Rights**” and saw the participation of tens of delegates from many countries. In its third year, it has now become established as an important international trade union event. The WFTU was represented by its General Secretary, G. Mavrikos.

2. 19-21 July: WFTU organized an **International Trade Union Seminar on Working Women** on the issue of: “The role of female trade unionists in promoting the organisation of more working women for a better future for commerce in Nile Basin countries”. The Seminar was organized in Cairo, Egypt

in cooperation with the Nile Basin Trade Union Federation of Commerce Workers. The WFTU was represented by Dr. Elsadiq Ali. Working women trade unionists from 7 countries of the area (Egypt, Kenya, Ethiopia, Burundi, Rwanda, Sudan and Tanzania) participated in the Seminar, as did a number of European representatives.

3. 27-29 July: In celebration of the 82nd anniversary of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL), the WFTU jointly organised with VGCL in Hanoi an **International Trade Union Seminar** on the “**Global Economic Crisis and Trade Union Action to secure employment for workers**”. The Seminar was attended by the WFTU General Secretary, George Mavrikos, and was a resounding success, deepening the participants’ understanding of the crisis and its effects on workers rights.

4.5-6 October: WFTU organized an **International Conference** in the European Parliament in Brussels on “**The international economic crisis and the role of Trade Unions**”. The WFTU was represented by its General Secretary and the members of the Secretariat. The Conference was attended by 31 trade unions from 27 countries. The participants discussed the role of trade unions in issues such as the economic crisis and decent work. This important initiative of the WFTU represented a continuation of the Symposium organized in Lisbon, Portugal, as well as our meetings in Nepal, Cuba, Nigeria, Belarus etc.

5. 18-20 November: **Inaugural International Conference** on Working Youth held in Lima, Peru, organised by WFTU in cooperation with CGTP Peru. WFTU represented by comrade Valentin Pacho, Deputy General Secretary. The Conference was attended by 32 trade union organisations representing 25 countries from all continents, as well as many local participants. The event was highly successful, with participants exchanging their experiences and discussing proposals for the coordination



International Trade Union Seminar, “Global Economic Crisis and Trade Union Action to secure employment for workers”, Vietnam

of struggles. The conference concluded with the election of a Coordination Committee. Youth opens new path together with WFTU.

6. 11 December: WFTU organized an **African Regional Seminar** in Nairobi-Kenya on the subject: “**Struggling against HIV-AIDS**”. This Seminar was a significant activity which had a wide impact in the region, attracting attendance by trade unionists from South Africa, Nigeria, Libya and Kenya. Attendees presented the work and experience of their respective trade unions around this issue. WFTU represented by Dr. Elsadig Ali, Member of the Secretariat of WFTU.

MEETINGS HELD

1. 20 January: **European Regional Meeting** held in Vienna, Austria and European yearly plan of activities adopted.

2. 19 April: **Trade Union Meeting** organised by Friends of the WFTU, France, held in Marseille, France. WFTU represented by comrade Valentin Pacho, Deputy



International Trade Union Seminar on Working Women, Cairo, Egypt



Inaugural International Conference on Working Youth, Lima, Peru



African Regional Seminar, “Struggling against HIV-AIDS”, Nairobi, Kenya



WFTU - ILO Seminar "The international Economic Crisis and Decent Work", Brussels



Cadres of the TUI Public Services addressing the employers inside a hospital, Athens



Meeting with the WFTU-affiliates in Africa



Meeting with the International Committee of Young Workers



President of WFTU, Azouz M. Shaban



Visit of the leadership of CONEP, Nepal, in the Central Offices of WFTU



International Meeting of the Financial Sector, Athens



The CTC leadership visiting the WFTU Central Offices



Congress TUI Public Services, Brazil



Lisbon



Cigar Factory, Cuba



WFTU Seminar, Brussels, Belgium

General Secretary, and comrade Joseph Lop.

3. 2 June: The WFTU planned for the ILC annual Session in Geneva and organised a **Preparatory Meeting of affiliates and friends**.

4. 18-19 September: **Meeting of the European Regional Office (EUROF)** of the WFTU held in Athens, attended by WFTU General Secretary, George Mavrikos, and Valentin Pacho. Participation in the meeting was strong, with trade unions from 17 countries being represented. Resolutions passed contained a rich range of proposals for action and initiatives to be taken in the interests of the working people of Europe.

5. 26-28 November: **Inaugural meeting of WFTU affiliates and friends** from Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico held in Heredia, San Jose, Costa Rica. 60 trade unionists representing 27 trade union organizations from 8 countries attended this meeting. WFTU represented by comrade Ramon Cardona.

6. 22-23 December: WFTU's Asia Pacific Regional Office, in cooperation with the **Bangladesh Trade Union Confederation (BTUC)**, held a **Meeting and Seminar** in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Seminar was on the subject of "Rights at work and Social Protection in the Asia-Pacific Region and Evaluation of Social Dialogue in these countries". All WFTU affiliates and friends from the wider area participated in both events conducted by comrades H. Mahadevan and Dr. Wajedul Islam Khan, General

Secretary of BTUC, and made worthwhile contributions to the seminar.

DELEGATIONS SENT

1. 16-18 January: Beirut International Forum held in Beirut, Lebanon. WFTU represented by Castro Abdallah of FENASOL.

2. 23-25 February: FNTMMSP (Peru Federation of Metal) held its 11th National Congress in Peru Lima. WFTU represented by Jesus Gete Olarra, General Secretary of TUI Metal.

3. 2-13 March: Annual Women's Conference held in the UN headquarters in New York on the theme of: "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS". WFTU represented by Lorena Jaime, Scientific Counselor.

4. 30-31 March: 9th Congress of CTA Argentina held. WFTU represented by Pascual Carneiro, General Secretary of CTB Brazil.

5. 4-7 April: 5th National Conference of GEFONT Nepal held in Kathmandu. WFTU represented by comrade H. Mahadevan, Deputy General Secretary, Asia Pacific Regional Office.

6. 6-9 April: 36th Conference of the Arab Labor Organisation held in Amman, Jordan. WFTU represented by its President, Mohammed Shabban Azouz, a distinguished and widely-respected personality amongst Arab peoples, and by comrade



Health and Safety in Workplaces



Protest of economical immigrants, Athens Greece

Adib Miro.

7. 14-17 April: Asian Unions Conference on the financial and economic crisis held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. WFTU represented by comrade H. Mahadevan.

8. 29-30 April: A jointly-organised and hosted Seminar of WFTU's European Regional Office and FTUB Belarus on the subject of "Strengthening trade union defence of workers' rights in the context of the world financial and economic crisis" was held in Minsk, Belarus. WFTU represented by comrades Cleanthes Cleanthous and Adib Miro.

9. 1-3 May: 4th Congress of CONEP Nepal held. WFTU represented by comrade CH Venkatachalam. This was a very successful Congress which will have a significant

positive impact on the country's working class, as well as on the wider area.

10. 14 May - 3 June: Seminar on 'Decent Work' held in Geneva by the International Institute for Labor Studies. WFTU represented by comrade Premal Kumar Khanal, General Secretary of CONEP Nepal. Comrade Khanal made a very strong and positive contribution to the Seminar and promoted the positions of the WFTU on this topic.

11. 22-24 May: Women's Conference held in Brazil by the Brazilian Confederation of Women (CMB). WFTU represented by Maria Pimentel of CGTB Brazil.

12. 24-25 May: European Trade Union Conference on the economic crisis was hosted by PAME, Greece, in Athens. WFTU

represented by G. Mavrikos and Valentin Pacho.

13. 11 June: Participation by a large delegation from WFTU in the ICATU Solidarity meeting with Palestinian People.

14. 18-20 June: In cooperation with the ILO, the WFTU's Latin America Regional Office organized an inaugural Meeting of Women Trade Unionists from Central America and Mexico in Nicaragua. The WFTU was represented by Martha Martinez and the meeting was a great success.

15. 20-21 June: 5th Ordinary Congress of CIG Galicia held in Santiago de Compostela. WFTU represented by Valentin Pacho.

16. 9-10 July: The 8th National Conference of BTUC Bangladesh was held in Dhaka. WFTU

represented by H. Mahadevan.

17. 28-30 July: The World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) organized a Seminar in Havana on how "We will defeat imperialism". WFTU represented by Carlos Perez from Cuba.

18. 20-25 September: 10th National Congress of COSATU held in Johannesburg. WFTU represented by General Secretary, George Mavrikos. During his stay in South Africa, the General Secretary attended many trade union and political meetings.

19. 21-23 September: 2nd Nuestra America meeting held in Sao Paolo, Brazil. WFTU represented by comrades Valentin Pachó and Ramon Cardona.

20. 24-27 September: 2nd CTB Congress was held in Sao Paolo, Brazil. WFTU represented by comrades Valentin Pachó and Ramon Cardona.

21. 5-7 November: Inaugural Congress of European Working Women held in Prague, Czech Republic, organized by WFTU's European Regional Office. WFTU represented by Osiris Oviedo de la Torre.

22. 14-15 November: Celebration of the anniversary of WFDY and



Solidarity event with CTC Cuba, Geneva

international seminar on "The crisis of capitalism and the attacks on the rights of the youth will be defeated by the anti-imperialist struggle!".

23. 19-21 November: Following an invitation from the General Union of Sahara Workers (UGTSARIO), on behalf of WFTU, comrade Quim Boix attended the Solidarity Conference with Sahara workers (EUCOCO) in Barcelona.

24. 24 November: 4th Congress of KSSH held in Tirana, Albania. WFTU represented by comrades of PAME, who attended the Congress and engaged in bilateral discussions.

25. 9-13 December: SACP Special National Congress in Polokwane, South Africa. WFTU represented by colleague Mohammed Iqnaibi of the General Union of Palestine workers (GUPW).

SOLIDARITY & INTERNATIONALISM CAMPAIGNS

1. 16th June: The WFTU organized a Solidarity event with CTC Cuba in a central hotel in Geneva to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution and the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of CTC. The main speakers at the event were: Giorgos Mavrikos, General Secretary, Raymundo Navarro, Head of International Relations of CTC; the Minister of Labor of Cuba and the Cuban Ambassador.

2. 8-20 September: Solidarity event with Palestinian People hosted in Lebanon by CGT of Lebanon. WFTU represented by comrade Adib Miro. This was a high-level and significant event, with representatives including the Presidents of the Republic and of the Parliament, leaders of political parties and social organizations, the General Secretary of ICATU and leaders and members of Lebanese trade unions.



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Ginebra 50° Aniversario de la Revolución
17 de junio de 2009 70° Aniversario de la Fundación de la CTC

Fortalecemos la Solidaridad Internacional

TRADE UNION INTERNATIONALS (TUI's)

1. 10-12 March: WFTU organized a preliminary meeting for the TUI Banks-Insurance and Finance Sector. The meeting ended successfully with the election of a Secretariat headed by CH. Venkatachalam of AIBEA India. Finance sector trade unions from the following countries are participating in the new TUI: Kenya, Taiwan, Brazil, Syria, Belarus, Basque Country, Greece, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Uruguay. The WFTU regards the establishment of this new TUI as an important step in the coordination of action within that sector which has been harshly affected by the economic crisis. WFTU represented by G. Mavrikos and Valentin Pacho.

2. 28-29 June: The Congress of the Public Services TUI was hosted by the Brazilian Confederation of Public Services in Brazilia, Brazil. WFTU represented by Valentin Pacho. The Public Services TUI represents a very large and influential sector and its Congress enjoyed great success with a large number of delegates from all continents participating. A new leadership was elected with comrade Sebastiao Soares elected as General Secretary and comrade Lulamile Sotaka from South Africa re-elected as President.

3. 17 November: European Meeting of the Transport TUI held in Lisbon, Portugal and European action plan for the transport sector (air, naval and land) decided.

4. 23 November: Meeting held in Athens between the WFTU leadership and the TUI Presidents and General Secretaries. The debate was very fruitful and concrete activities were agreed on in the various sectors. The TUI leaders agreed to support the WFTU International Action Day of 2010 and committed themselves to also organize similar Action Days in their respective sectors.

5. 4-5 December: Transport TUI Regional Meeting held in Guayaquil, Ecuador, hosted by FUTAC, the Latin American Federation of Transport. WFTU represented by comrades Valentin Pacho and Ramon Cardona.

WFTU TOUR

**ASIA 16-26 February:
WFTU delegation tour of Asia,
including Bangladesh, Nepal,
Cambodia, and Laos**

In the course of many cordial bilateral meetings and discussions, invitations were extended to the trade union leaderships of these countries to visit the WFTU Central Offices.

IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETINGS

1. On February 24-28, FNDSPF – PORTUGAL visited the Central Offices. The delegation was formed by Ana Avoila, National Coordinator, Paulo Taborda, coordinator of the Dept. of Organization and T.U. Activity.

2. On February 23-25, Severino Almeida, Secretary of Foreign

Affairs of CTB – BRAZIL visited the Central offices and had bilateral meetings with the Secretariat.

3. On March 5-7, a delegation of CTC – CUBA formed by Salvador Valdes Mesa, General Secretary and Raymundo Navarro, Secretary for Intl. Relations visited the



Campodia



Laos



Bangladesh



Nepal

WFTU Tour in Asia



President of the People's Republic of China, Hu Jintao meets with delegates to the International Forum, Beijing China 2008

central offices and discussed with the Secretariat.

4. Cde. Han Tae Song, Ambassador of DPR Korea visited the WFTU Offices on March 18-20.

5. The President of GTUWMQ - EGYPT, Baazak Refaai and brother Mohamed El-Ashiry visited the central offices of WFTU and discussed about the strengthening of the relationships with the WFTU. on June 25-28.

6. 9-12 July: WFTU hosted a high-level, seven-member delegation from the **All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU)**, headed by Ms. Sun Chunlan Vice-Chairwoman and First Secretary of the ACFTU Secretariat. The delegation visited the WFTU headquarters in Athens, where they had an official meeting and discussions with the General Secretary of the WFTU. During their visit, the delegation met with the President of the Greek Republic, the Minister of Labor and the Greek Parliament and

other trade union and political representatives.

7. 27-30 October: WFTU hosted a delegation from **CONEP NEPAL** (President and General Secretary of CONEP) to the WFTU Central Offices in Athens, Greece. The General Secretary of WFTU and the two comrades from CONEP engaged in meaningful bilateral discussions and worked up a detailed action plan for cooperation in the organisation of seminars, meetings and activities in various sectors, including the education sector.



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8. A delegation of NEHAWU – SOUTH AFRICA formed by Lulamile Sotaka, 1st Deputy President, Nomthandazo Sikiti, Intl. Relations Officer and Mapaseka Sephiri, Free State Province has bilateral meeting



Raoul Castro and G. Mavrikos celebrating Labour Day, Cuba

International Action Day 2009



Argentina



Brazil



Cyprus



Greece



Panama



Peru



Portugal



Mauritania



Mexico



Nepal



Senegal



Vietnam

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 - For the distribution of wealth; for better salaries.
 - Against Child Labor.
 - No more layoffs of workers; defence of social and labor rights.
- Reduction of working hours without reducing salaries; strengthening of trade unions.
- We fight all forms of discrimination against women, youth, immigrants etc; for equal opportunities
- Nationalization of banks and other strategic sectors such as energy; food sovereignty under social control.
- Wars to stop now, no more funds to NATO and military weapons. The resulting money to be invested in the production sector for the creation of jobs and the development of the peoples.
 - No more repression and murders of trade union leaders and social activists.
- For the immediate stop of military occupation and unconditional withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq, Palestine and other Arab territories and Afghanistan.
 - For the full respect for sovereignty and self-determination of the peoples.



International Action Day 2009 in Athens: A 4hour occupation of the building of CITIBANK

with the WFTU Secretariat on November 18 – 21, 2009.

9. A delegation of LFTU – LAOS Vongphet Saykeuyachongtua, President Vilay Vongkhaseum, Coordinator of Intl. Rel. Dept. visited Athens and the central offices of WFTU on November 16-19.

LABOUR DAY

1-3 May: Official Visit by WFTU General Secretary, G. Mavrikos, to Cuba, where he participated in celebrations held to commemorate: May Day, the 50th Anniversary of the 1959 Revolution and the 70th Anniversary of the Cuban Workers Federation (CTC). These events were celebrated in rallies that took place in Havana's Plaza de la

Revolution and the main squares and avenues of the provinces. A very successful Regional meeting and Solidarity Event was held in the WFTU's Havana Office. Comrade Mavrikos, met there with more than 200 Latin American leaders of trade unions affiliated to or friends of the WFTU.

INTERNATIONAL ACTION DAY

International Day of Action for Workers' Rights and Against Exploitation was organised by the WFTU on April 2009

This bold new initiative met with great success around the world - demonstrations, actions and strikes were held in more than **45 countries**, calling for demands

and targets proposed by the WFTU. This initiative marked a significant step in the New Course of the WFTU.

The World Federation of Trade Unions based on the resolutions of the trade union conference held in Lisbon on December 15 and 16, 2008 organised mobilization and struggle at international level on the day of action April 1st 2009 with the following demands:

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International Trade Union Forum jointly organized by WFTU, ACFTU, ICATU and OATUU in Beijing

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WFTU IN UN, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, HRC, UNCTAD

Meetings and activities in the UN:

9-11: 62nd United Nations DPI-NGO Conference "For Peace and Development: Disarm Now!" held in Mexico City. WFTU represented by WFTU Permanent Representative at the UN, Dr. Frank Goldsmith, and by Fernando Caceres from CUT Mexico.

Meetings and activities in the UNESCO:

30 November–2 December: UNESCO International Conference of NGOs held in Paris, France. WFTU represented by its permanent representative comrade Apostolos Sotiropoulos.

Meetings and activities in the FAO:

18-22 November: 36th Session of the FAO Conference held in Rome, Italy. WFTU represented by colleague Sofia Tselemarkou, food and agriculture specialist, who delivered a speech outlining relevant WFTU policies.

Meetings and activities in the HRC:

1. 20 February 20th: We attended the Human Rights Council Special

session on "The impact of the Global Economic and Financial Crises on the Universal Realization and Effective Enjoyment of Humans Rights"

WFTU represented by Osiris Oviedo, WFTU's permanent representative to the ILO in Geneva.

2. 2-27 March, 10th Session of the Human Rights Council. WFTU presented a written statement on the situation of Saharawi workers in the occupied territories of Western Sahara and an oral statement on the outcomes Universal Periodic Review of Colombia.

3. 31st August to September 2nd: We participated in the Social Forum of the Human Rights Council on the impact of economic and financial crises on efforts to combat poverty.

4. 14 September - 2 October: 12th Session of the Humans Rights Council. We made a joint oral statement on Palestine related to the Goldstone Report and a joint oral statement on toxic wastes and on human's rights situation in Sahara.

5. 28 September: WFTU participated in the 7th Meeting on Humans Rights and climate changes organized by the NGO Geneva International (CAGI).

Meetings and activities in the ILO:

1. 9-13 February: 8th ILO European Regional Meeting held in Portugal. Jose Dinis, Member of the WFTU Presidential Council and General Secretary of TUI Construction and Nikos Grigorious from PEO made

up the delegation of the WFTU European Regional Office that participated in this meeting .

2. 24-25 February: We attended the Global Dialogue Forum on the Impact of the Financial Crisis on Finance Sector Workers held in ILO where we delivered a speech.

3. 5-6th March, Technical workshop on the impact of the food price crisis on decent work. Comrade Bernard Gleize, TUI Agriculture representative, made a speech during the debates.

4. 14 May to 3 June: Seminar on Decent Work organized by the International Institute of Labor Studies, where the WFTU was represented by Premal Kumar Khanal, General Secretary of the CONEP, Nepal.

5. 2-19 June - 98th International Labour Conference (ILC):



Symbolic occupation of the building of British Airways and Alico, International Action Day, Athens Greece

WFTU organized three meetings in the 98th ILC framework: (a) An initial preparatory meeting; (b) An Informal Presidential Council; (c) Friends Council.

10 June: A group of WFTU members attend a rally at the UN Square organized by ICATU in solidarity with Palestine.

11 June: Adib Miro delivered a speech in the Solidarity Meeting with Palestine and the occupied Arab territories.

15 June: Luis Inacio Lula, President of Brazil met with workers delegates. Valentin Pacheco, WFTU Deputy General Secretary gave an opening greeting message on behalf of WFTU.

6. 16 June: WFTU prepared an Event on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Cuban CTC and of the 50th Anniversary Cuban Revolution. There were a considerable number of members and friends who attended and delivered speeches of solidarity.

7. 17th June George Mavrikos delivered a speech in the plenary session on three main topics: the economic and financial crises, the solidarity with Palestine and the necessary democracy, transparency and respect to plurality inside ILO.

8. 17th June, WFTU Presidential Council delegation met with Mr. Juan Somavia, ILO Director-General. During the meeting, George Mavrikos raised four issues: the trade union situation in Colombia, the labour and security conditions of miners in Chile, WFTU activity for its 65th anniversary in 2010 and again our claim to stop trade union monopoly inside ILO.

9. 8 October: WFTU attended the OHCHR Expert seminar on Migrant Empowerment for development.

10. 14 October: WFTU participated in the Day of General Discussion on Migrants domestic workers organized by the UN Committee on Migrants Workers.

11. 12-15 October: Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Convention No. 98 -adopted in 1949- : The Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining in the 21st Century.

12. The WFTU attended to the 304th, 305th and 306th ILO Governing Body Sessions held in March, June and November respectively. The WFTU presence in these meetings was reinforced with the presence of Secretariat members and other colleagues, including Adib Miro and Apostolos Sotiropoulos, among others.

13. 20 November: ILO High Level Tripartite Meeting on collective bargaining. The WFTU was represented by Adib Miro and Osiris Oviedo.

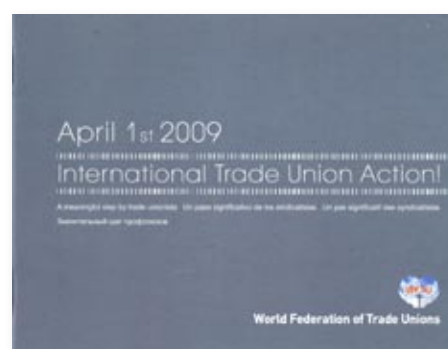
14. November 23rd to December 1st, Meeting of Experts to Adopt a Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Agriculture. WFTU represented by comrade Souad Mahmoud from UITA Tunisia, who attended all the Sessions and made a noteworthy contribution and excellent speech on the subject.

15. November 30th to December 3rd, ILO training course in Turin on HIV/AIDS. The WFTU was represented by comrade

Boris Boniface Mbah, National Executive Secretary of FESCOS, Cameroon.

Meetings and activities in the UNCTAD:

18-19 May: UNCTAD Public Symposium "The global economic crises and development, the way forward". The WFTU was represented by Aida Avella and



April 1st, International Day of Action against exploitation, poster and booklet

Pedro Osorio, who presented a written paper and also made a speech.

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Globalisation, economic crisis and their effects on workers

rights" - this publication deals with the work of the International Trade Union Seminar in Lisbon, Portugal.

2. April 1st, International Day of Action against exploitation, poster and booklet with the activities in all countries.

3. "The WFTU and our youth" – this publication is a speech of the WFTU General Secretary on the subject of working youth.

4. "80th Anniversary of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour, WFTU-VGCL International Trade Union Seminar, 27-29 July 2009, Hanoi, Vietnam". This publication includes the speeches made in the seminar.

POSTERS

1. Poster May 1st 2009 : "Stop dismissals. Capitalists should pay for the economic crisis. Stop exploitation"

2. Poster and declaration: 'STOP the monopoly within ILO, we demand equal and proportional representation, democracy and transparency at all levels"

3. Poster for Solidarity event with Cuba in Geneva on June 16th.

4. Poster for the 1st International Action Day

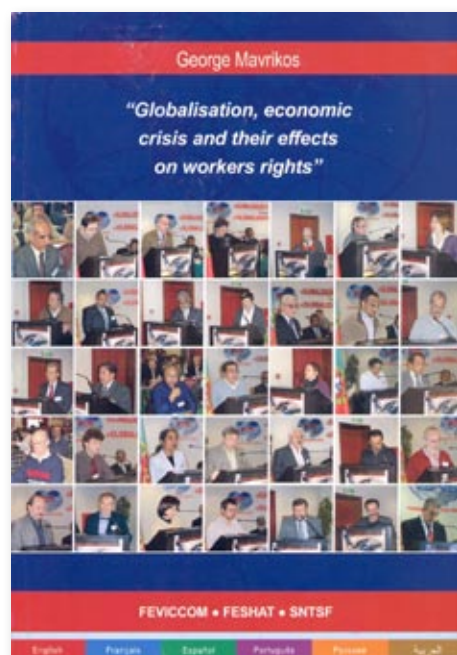
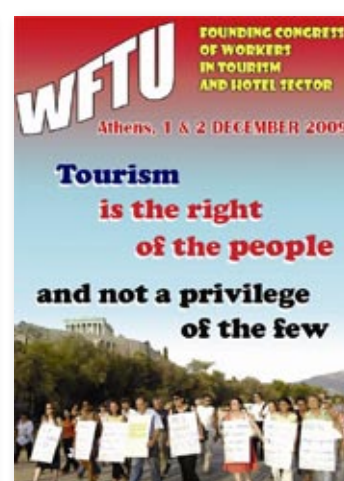
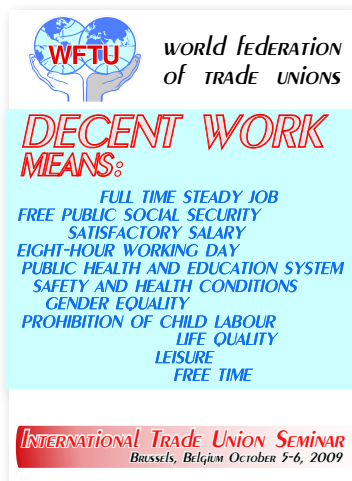
5. Poster for the Seminar in Brussels on Decent Work on October 5-6, 2009

6. Poster for the 1st International Trade Union Youth Conference held in Peru

7. Poster for the Founding Congress of Workers in Tourism and Hotel Sector (TUI of HOTUR)

8. Poster for the WFTU - NBTUFCW International Seminar of Working Women which was held in Cairo, Egypt.

Posters & Publications



Thousands of words...





4th PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING - HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM FEBRUARY 22-23, 2010

In a uniting and militant atmosphere the 4th meeting of the Presidential Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions was held in the heroic city of Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam. The Presidential Council adopted the Report of 2009 that gives full and detailed picture of the action taken place in the past year.

There was a common estimation that the WFTU conquered a new level and a new quality in its action.

At the same time in Vietnam the new Action Plan 2010 for our organization was adopted which we will vigorously promote in the new period.

The Action Plan 2010 was a very ambitious plan. It included many activities and initiatives at sectoral, regional and national level. Also in 2010 the WFTU would celebrate the 65 years since its foundation in 1945.

In all countries and all sectors the WFTU formed a concrete program. In all International Organisations it had a framework of interventions.

Moreover, the Internationalism and the solidarity, the international economic crisis and the struggles of the workers occupied the discussion of the Presidential Council.

The International Action Day of 2010 was decided to be organized in 7th September as an international action day of the class-oriented international trade union movement.

At this meeting, with enthusiasm and optimism it was unanimously voted that the 16th World Trade Union Congress would be held in Athens, the capital of Greece, on April 2011. The slogans of the Congress were also adopted.

Informal Presidential Council & Council of Friends

17 June: The WFTU held its informal Presidential Council and the 4th Council of Friends.

As in previous years, these informal meetings attracted many participants from organisations friendly to the WFTU and from independent trade unions not affiliated to either of the two internationals. The aim of the informal meetings is to provide an open and democratic forum, within which participants are encouraged to put forward their

proposals and suggestions and to freely state their opinions.

FORA, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANISED

1. 15-17 February: A successful Middle East Regional Meeting and Seminar on the Global economic crisis was hosted in Lebanon by Al-Wafaa, a WFTU affiliate. Adib Miro, Deputy General Secretary represented WFTU.

2. 25-26 February: **4th International Trade Union Forum** held in Beijing, jointly organized by WFTU, ACFTU, ICATU and OATUU. This forum was on the subject of "Economic Globalization and Trade Unions" and saw the participation of tens of delegates from many countries. The WFTU was represented by a numerous delegation of cadres headed by the General Secretary of WFTU.

3. 11-12 March Mexico – Mexico: With notable success was held the **International Conference of Solidarity with the Mexican Electricians Union (SME)**, called by the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU). The event was held on March 11 and 12, 2010, in Mexico City and other places nearby. The Conference was attended by delegations of trade unions from the electricity and oil sectors from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Galicia, Guatemala, France, India, Basque Country, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela, and other regional and international organizations from the energy sector.



Trade Union Forum, Beijing, China



WFTU Seminar on Labour Migration, Philippines



International Conference of Solidarity with the Mexican Electricians Union, Mexico

Valentin Pacheco, deputy general secretary of the WFTU, presented the opening speech by expressing the solidarity of the Federation with the resistance movement of the Mexican Electricians against presidential decree closing the electric company Luz y Fuerza del Centro and the dismissal of 44 thousand electricians.

Also, the Conference expressed its solidarity with the Cananea miners' strike and the SUTIN.

The delegations present at the event, agreed a Statement of political and economic support for SME's electricians and signed a letter addressed to Mr. Felipe Calderón, President of Mexico, demanding a favorable solution for the electrical workers of the SME.

The participants also attended meetings with other local unions, including the Division of SME in Toluca, where they were greeted by electricians' bases in those regions. Finally, Valentin Pacheco participated in a massive assembly of SME held on March 13 at the esplanade of the Estadio Azteca in Mexico City.

4. 21-22 April: **WFTU Seminar on Labour Migration** in the Philippines organised together with TUPAS and KATIPUNAN. Comrade H. Mahadevan Head of the Regional Office Asia-Pacific, represented WFTU in this Seminar.

5. 25-29 April: WFTU organised a **training seminar with African trade unionists** in Athens concerning the "Role of the Mass Media – radio, tv, press – in the struggle of the trade union

movement". Valuable theoretical and technical information about the use of the media for the purposes of the trade union movement were discussed during this training seminar. The participants had the opportunity to attend lectures given by specialists working in the sector of Mass Media in Greece and to visit a Media station, a newspaper and a printing plantation and discuss from a closer bases about the different abilities that the trade union can have in order to approach the working people.

6. 6-7 July – Strasbourg, France, In the framework of pre-Congress debates and activities, the WFTU held an **International Trade Union Conference**, on July 6-7, in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France with the participation of 18 trade unions from 15 countries. During the two days of the discussion two topics were tackled: **"The WFTU in the threshold of the 21st century"** and **"Labor Law and International Standards"**. Main interventions were presented by Vietnam VGCL, Syria GFTU, South Africa NUMSA, Portugal CGTP, Greece PAME, France FRONT SYNDICALE DE CLASSE and AGRO UIS, Cyprus PEO as well as by scientific experts on the subject. WFTU was represented by Deputy General Secretary (Sudan - SWTUF) **Elsadig Ali Seed Ahmed Elseikh** and Special Councilor **Maximos Aligisakis**.

7. 15-18th September - An **international Seminar** of WFTU and the **Nile Basin Trade Union Federation of Commerce**



Training seminar with African trade unionists, on the role of the Mass Media, Athens



Second joint initiative of ICATU and WFTU, Damascus, Syria



International Trade Union Conference, Strasbourg, France

Workers entitled "Trade Unions and Current Challenges of the Nile Basin Countries", was celebrated in Cairo, Egypt on September 15-18th, 2010 with the participation of delegations from Egypt, Burundi, RD Congo, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and representatives from PAME Greece and PEO Cyprus. This was an important international seminar that strengthened the relations of WFTU and the Nile Basin Trade Unions.

8. 29-30 September - The Second joint initiative of ICATU and WFTU was held with great success, on September 29-30th in Damascus. The international seminar was celebrated on the subject: **"Current Challenges for the World Working Class and its Trade Union movement and the ways to confront it"**. Trade unionist leaders and activists, and participants from International and Arab professional unions from 20 countries participated.

9. On November 11-12 in the city of Zacatecas (Mexico) we held the International Seminar in cooperation with the ILO on the subject: **"Workers in front of privatizations of strategic sectors"**. Ramon Cardona, Regional Secretary opened this successful seminar.

10. 29-30 November - Gabon: A succesful regional trade union seminar was organised in Gabon on the subject **"Working Women and Poverty"**. WFTU was represented by Apostolos Sotiropoulos, the permanent



European Trade Union Meeting, "Social security in Europe and the role of the trade union movement", Athens Greece

representative of WFTU in the UNESCO.

MEETINGS HELD

1. On 23-24th March the **European Trade Union Meeting** on the subject: "**Social security in Europe and the role of the trade union movement**" was held in Athens with great success. There was a numerous participation of 18 trade union organisations from 14 European countries that took part and discussed the contemporary issue of Social Security and the modern needs of the European working class for public and free social security for all. The meeting also discussed the issue of the economic crisis in

Greece and the problems of the Greek workers. On March 23rd, the WFTU hosted a night of solidarity with refugees from Somalia during which food supplies were contributed to the refugees and their families as well as toys for their children.

2. 27 March - Athens, Greece: After the 1st **International Conference of Young Workers** that was celebrated by the WFTU and the CGTP Peru, in Lima last November, the International Coordinating Committee Of Young Workers held successfully its 1st Meeting on 27 March, at the WFTU Central Offices in Athens, with the presence of comrades George Mavrikos and Valentin Pacho, General Secretary and Deputy

General Secretary respectively of the WFTU. The representatives of trade unions in Latin America, Asia, Arab Countries, Africa and Europe after a broad democratic debate on key agenda items, we published the Resolution and the Introduction Speech of the Meeting that was enriched with useful proposals from all the members of the Committee and constitute an important Action Plan. Our main objective for the next period is to mobilize and to coordinate the young workers so to fight for their rights, to adopt the WFTU positions and demands and to reinforce its action.

3. A Preparatory Committee for the BIFU Congress took place in the Central Offices of WFTU.



International Coordinating Committee of Young Workers, 1st Meeting, WFTU Central Offices, Athens Greece

The Congress is to be held in February 24-25, 2011 in New Delhi.

Comrade Venkatachalam from AIBEA India was on the head of the delegation.

4. On December 9th the Trade



Trade Union Meeting of Young Workers from Central America, Panama City

Union Meeting of Young Workers from Central America was held in Panama City, organized by WFTU, FSTRP (Federation of Workers of the Republic of Panama), FAT (Authentic Workers Federation), CNTP (National Central of Workers in Panama). This meeting, an initiative on the way to the 16th World Trade Union Congress, was attended by delegates from major Trade Unions in Central America. The meeting concluded on Saturday December 11th with the Final Declaration.

DELEGATIONS SENT

1. 9-10 January – Berlin, Germany: 15th Congress of the International Federation of Resistance Fighters - Association of Anti-fascists.

WFTU was represented by Giannis Vamvakousis.

2. 22-24 January: 22nd Congress of Federation Construction Workers and allied Trades of Greece. Cde V. Pachos, Deputy General Secretary of WFTU addressed the Congress that was an important moment in the sector of construction and building and generally for the class-oriented workers movement.

3. 1-3 February: ICATU 12th Congress, Khartoum Sudan. A delegation of WFTU headed by its General Secretary participated in the 12th Congress of ICATU which was held under the slogan: "with our trade union unity and independent democratic decision, we continue our

struggle to achieve the Arab workers interests and to defend the existence of our Arab nation". Cde General Secretary addressed the Congress and held important bilateral meetings with the leadership of ICATU strengthening the fraternal relations that bond our two organisations.

4. 4th March, Athens –Greece: The economic crisis in Greece bring brutal measures for the workers. Many members of PAME, occupied the Finance Ministry building in central Athens to protest against the antipopular economic measures adopted by the Social Democratic Government of Greece in response to the economic crisis. The WFTU Deputy General Secretary Comrade Valentin Pachó joined the protest and expressed the internationalist solidarity on behalf of the WFTU. He stressed the importance of the struggle of PAME and the support of all the class-oriented trade union movement. The crisis has to be paid by those who created it and not the working class, he said.

5. 6-13 March: Adib Miro, Deputy General Secretary, participated in the Conference of the Arab Labour Organization held in Bahrain. Muhammad Shaaban Azzouz, President of the World Federation of Trade Unions was present.

6. 17-21 March: On the event of the 13th Triennial Conference of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) held in Chandigarh, India, comrade General Secretary

addressed the conference which was an important event for the trade union movement in India and also in the arena of international cooperation and solidarity of the working people's movement. On the occasion of his visit in India comrade George Mavrikos hold bilateral meetings with the leadership of AITUC, as well as the leadership of CPI and CPI-M.

7. 18-21 March - Chalkidiki: Greece Comrade V. Pachó, Deputy General Secretary represented WFTU and addressed a speech in the 34th Congress of the Greek General Confederation of Labour.

8. 25-2 April - Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam: On the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of Liberation and the National Reunification of Vietnam, comrade Apostolos Sotiropoulos, permanent representative of WFTU in UNESCO participated in the Meeting with International Friends who stood on the side of the Vietnamese people during the years of the liberation struggle, organised by the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO).

9. 27-28 May – Belgrade, Serbia: Comrade Chrisoula Laboudi, Member of Women's Secretariat represented WFTU in the 14th Congress of CATUS.

10. 4-8 June, Nicosia, North Cyprus: Comrade Chrisoula Laboudi, represented WFTU in the General Assembly of KTAMS (Turkish Cypriot Civil Servant Trade Union).

11. 18-19 June, Paris, France: Comrade Freddie Huck, Vice-President of WFTU represented our Organization in the International Conference for the 60year Anniversary of the Stockholm Appeal, the first mass Campaign of the World Peace Council organized by the International Union of Democratic Lawyers.

12. 25-26 June: Cleanthis Cleanthous, Head of the European Regional Office represented WFTU in the European Congress of Pensioners.

13. 7-8 August, Djibouti: At the 8th Congress of UGTD General Workers Union of Djibouti, comrade Adib Miro, Deputy General Secretary represented WFTU in this important trade union event for the people



Solidarity with the workers of SITRAJAP in Costa Rica, Athens



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of Djibouti. Comrade Deputy General Secretary also had important bilateral meetings with representatives of the Arab and African trade union movement.

11. 5-8th September: A delegation of WFTU, headed by comrade General Secretary visited Palestine and held important bilateral meetings with the political leadership and the President of the Palestinian National Authority, Mahmud Abbas. Comrade Mavrikos also visited Nablus, Hebron and the Erez Crossing.

12. 7-8 October – Kigali, Rwanda: WFTU was invited and participated in the 8th Congress of CESTRAR (General Workers Federation of Rwanda). Alexandra Liberi, WFTU Journalist, represented WFTU and

addressed the Congress.

13. On October 10th the GFTUK celebrated the 65th Anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea. Oliver Jonischkeit, representative of the WFTU in the UN in Austria attended the ceremony.

14. 25-26 October Comrade V. Pachó, Deputy General Secretary of WFTU attended the Congress of Construction Workers Federation of India.

15. On 29-31 October the WFTU participated in the 36th European Conference of Solidarity with Sahara represented by comrade Quim Boix.

16. 17-18 November - Venezuela, Comrade V. Pachó, Deputy

General Secretary addressed the Congress of SINAFUN, in which the federation of Venezuelan teachers decided to become affiliated to WFTU.

17. On the 3rd of December H. Mahadevan, WFTU Deputy General Secretary participated in the Inter Company Employees Union for its 12th Annual Convention in Sri Lanka.

18. On 6-8th December, Valentin Pachó and Arthur Sequeira represented the WFTU Secretariat on the UITBB Congress held in Salvador de Bahia.

19. 1-10 December: A numerous delegation of WFTU visited China and had bilateral meetings with ACFTU.

SOLIDARITY & INTERNATIONALISM CAMPAIGNS

1. 31 December: WFTU Central Offices and comrade General Secretary, George Mavrikos,



WFTU delegation in the People's Republic of China

celebrated the coming of the New Year together with Somali refugees who live in Athens, Greece on a warm fest organised by WFTU. Hundreds of Somali refugees and Greek workers danced and had dinner together and wished each other a militant year of peace and health.

2. Solidarity with the workers of SITRAJAP, Costa Rica

The World Federation of Trade Unions organized several acts of solidarity with the militant comrades of the trade union SITRAJAP in Costa Rica, in their fair struggle against the privatization of the port docks in Limon. The WFTU has delivered several letters to Embassies and Consulates of Costa Rica in several European countries.

In Athens, a large delegation of trade unionists led by

comrade Valentin Pacho, Deputy Secretary General of the WFTU and comrade George Pontikos, responsible for international relations of PAME Greece, handed over a statement protesting for the situation in Costa Rica to the offices of the European Union in Greece. The delegation met with the European Commission representative in Athens and discussed about the difficulties of trade unionists in Latin America. The letter will be sent this week to the European Commission in Brussels to transmit the complaint to the government of Costa Rica.



Young Somali Refugee celebrating New Year with her family and WFTU

In Portugal, comrade Arthur Sequeira from the TUI Public Services headed the WFTU delegation that presented a statement at the Consulate of Costa Rica in Lisbon.

In Spain, a group of trade

unionists representing the class movement delivered a statement of protest at the Embassy of Costa Rica in Madrid.

From the WFTU we express our class-oriented solidarity to our comrades in Costa Rica and we demanded from the government to give an immediate solution for the benefit of workers.

3. Solidarity Campaign with the suffering people of Haiti:

The Haitian people are suffering from the consequences of a major disaster caused by the earthquake of 7.3 Richter. The poor cardboard houses collapsed. Tens of thousands died from the earthquake. The number of dead and wounded people continuously grows and those still alive are endangered from hunger and diseases. Haiti's disaster is not a simple natural phenomenon, it has deeper roots and the causes are social. Facing the scale of the disaster and the needs for the poor and proud people of Haiti WFTU launched a campaign of fundraising. WFTU called upon all national and sector organizations to contribute with any amount they could and to express practically their internationalism and solidarity. A special account had been opened and all the amount deposited will be given to the Haitian trade unionists who will participate in the 16th World Trade Union Congress.

4. 10 February Athens - Greece: Main motto of the strikers was "We will not pay the capitalist crisis". In Athens, thousands of strikers were gathered in front



WFTU affirmed its solidarity with the struggle of the French workers. Demonstration of October, 28th 2010, Paris, France

of the Greek Parliament and marched to the Labor Ministry. Along with the strikers was a big delegation of WFTU along with banners for the economic immigrants. Opposed to that strike were the Social Democrats trade unionists who support the government and use the argument that "it is not Athens to blame for the anti-labor policies, but Brussels"! Another strike will be held in Greece on February 24 with the same demands.

5. 25th March: WFTU launched a poster declaring the solidarity of the international class-oriented trade union movement to the heroic people of Cuba to declare that: "Cuba is not alone. Against lies of imperialists, against the media aggression.

Against the hypocrisy of western governments, we are all Cubans". This poster called the trade unionists and the progressive people all over the world to strengthen the solidarity appeal and to declare their solidarity by sending a message to specific e-mails.

6. 9th June: The Secretariat of the World Federation of Trade Unions decided to call a **strike for three days at all ports of the world against Israel commercial vessels to or from Israel.**

We called on all naval workers, dock workers and all workers and all unions in the ports to refuse to load or unload ships coming or heading for Israel. The TUI Transport of the WFTU was at the forefront of this strike.

This action was a practical demonstration of the militant solidarity with the Palestinian People. This was a proof of militant solidarity against the blockade of the Gaza Strip.

In this way we expressed our demand for an independent and democratic Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. Furthermore, we demanded the immediate lifting of the blockade on the Gaza Strip.

In this context, trade unionists of WFTU in Athens blocked the flight of the Israeli Airline EL AL and the flight was canceled.

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7. 14th October – Athens, Greece
A trade union delegation headed by the WFTU Deputy General



Venezuela



"Nuestra America" / Nicaragua



Costa Rica / Panama



Uruguay / Argentina





Seminar with immigrants from India and Bangladesh during the CITU visit in the WFTU Central Offices

Secretary Valentin Pachó (photo) has delivered this morning at the **Chilean Embassy in Athens an official statement of the WFTU** on the heroism of the 33 miners rescued in Chile, but at the same time to question the role of the Chilean government regarding safety and health at work, especially in the mining sector. This statement has also been sent to the International Labour Organization and the Government of Chile.

8. 27-28 October: Comrade General Secretary was on the forefront of one of the massive demonstrations organized in France against the anti-retirement measures of the government of Sarkozy. This way **WFTU affirmed its solidarity with the struggle**

of the French workers and the international solidarity of the workers worldwide to their struggle. During his visit comrade George Mavrikos together with Freddie Huck, Vice-President of WFTU, had important bilateral meetings with the leadership of trade union organizations in France, a meeting with the French affiliates of WFTU and another one with the Friends of WFTU in France. Members of affiliated organizations of WFTU, FNAF (National Federation in Agroalimentary and Forests) and the "Front Syndical du Class" distributed more than 30.000 leaflets with the declaration of WFTU regarding the struggles in France.

9. Solidarity with the people

of Chile. Financial support to the progressive radiostation damaged by the earthquake.

TRADE UNION INTERNATIONALS (TUI's)

30 October - The **2nd TUI Meeting** was held in Athens, Greece on 30th October. The main agenda of discussion between the TUI leaders was the crisis of the capitalist system and the role of the branch organizations of WFTU and the second was the preparation of the 16th World Trade Union Conference to be held April 6 to 10, 2011 in Athens.

WFTU TOUR

LATIN AMERICA - 20-28 July

The tour of the General Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions in **Venezuela, Panamá, Nicaragua and Costa Rica** on July 20–28 was completed with success. The purpose of the journey was the participation in the 3rd Trade Union Meeting of Nuestra America (ESNA), the preparation of the 16th World Trade Union Congress, current affairs of the region, as well as to inform the WFTU affiliates and friendly organizations about the important initiative of September 7th 2010, International Action Day of the class oriented Trade Union Movement". Comrade Valentin Pacho, Deputy General Secretary and comrade Ramon Cardona, Regional Secretary were also part of the delegation.

At Bolivarian Venezuela, the Secretary General had the opportunity to express directly to President Hugo Chavez the solidarity of the WFTU and its full support against the unacceptable attacks of Colombia and the USA against the Venezuelan people. At the event organized by the UNETE in order to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the WFTU (in which 600 trade-unionists took part), as well as at the 3rd ESNA, the WFTU denounced the imperialist aggression, the brutality of capitalism and contributed its opinions and its prospective about the struggle. The Secretary General of the WFTU, along with the Cuban comrade Ramón Cardona, Regional Secretary, held, in Panama, significant talks with the leaders of the CNTP, the FAT, the FSTRP, as well as with independent leaders and friends

of the WFTU.

The WFTU delegation held important fraternal talks with its affiliates and friends from the land of Sandinistas, Nicaragua. They expressed their solidarity to the effort of their sandinista affiliates and pointed out that it is every people's right to decide about their present and future.

An important meeting, organised by the affiliated organisation UNDECA, took place in Costa Rica where more than a hundred trade-unionists took place.

Comrade Valentin Pacho, Deputy General Secretary had also important meetings with trade unionists from the latin America trade union movement some of which are: the trade union of Metal in Uruguay, CTA in Argentina and the Confederation of Miners in Chile.

CENTRAL AFRICA 23-29

September

On September 23-24, 2010 - The WFTU General Secretary visited Gabon on the occasion of the celebration of the 1st Ordinary Congress of CGT-FL, affiliated to WFTU.

The opening ceremony of the successful Congress started with the celebration of the WFTU 65th Anniversary and the WFTU General Secretary addressed a keynote speech.

During his visit to Gabon, comrade General Secretary had the opportunity to discuss with all WFTU affiliates in the country (CFT-FL, CDSA, CSDT, CSG) and they decided the action plan for the next period as well as common initiatives for the



NUMSA visits WFTU Central Offices



CEPPWAWU visits WFTU Central Offices



CITU Leadership visit in the Central Offices of WFTU, visit in the Shiprepair Zone of Pireaus



The Leadership of the Workers House of Iran visiting the Central Offices of WFTU



The General Secretary of WFTU celebrated Labour Day on the side of the people of Nepal

future. Priority will be given to working women and a full plan of cooperation with neighboring countries will be developed.

On the occasion of the 9th National Congress of NEHAWU held in Johannesburg on September 27-29, 2010, the WFTU General Secretary visited South Africa and addressed the Congress. The speech of comrade General Secretary was received with great interest and enthusiasm by all delegates. On September 27th an international seminar was held in the framework of the Congress with the participation of many international delegates from different countries. This seminar was also an occasion to celebrate the WFTU 65th Anniversary.

IMPORTANT BILATERAL MEETINGS

1. 11-14 January: A three-member delegation from the **National Union of Metal Workers of South**

Africa (NUMSA) made an official visit to the WFTU headquarters in Athens on January 12-15, 2010. The delegation was formed by the following comrades: Irvin Jim, General Secretary, Karl Cloete, Deputy General Secretary, Philemon Shiburi, Treasurer. During their stay in Athens, they met with the WFTU leadership, they visited work places and talked to workers and had bilateral meeting with PAME. The NUMSA delegates also had an official meeting with the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Greece and visited the Greek Parliament. All discussions were held in a fraternal class-oriented spirit. A common wish was expressed to improve even more the relations between both organizations for the benefit of the working class and the militant trade unions.

2. 5th June: A delegation of **CEPPWAWU** (Chemical, Energy, Paper, Printing, Wood and Allied Workers Union) affiliated

to COSATU visited the central offices of WFTU in Athens, Greece and had bilateral meetings with WFTU. The bonds of WFTU with South Africa get more and more tight.

3. 18-20 October: A delegation from the Workers House of Iran formed by Mr. Mohammed Hamzeh, Head of International Relations and Mr. Daroush Ghamari and Mr. Mohammad Ali Partovi visited the central offices of WFTU on October 18th, 2010. In this 5 years the Workers House of Iran and WFTU came closer. The Workers House of Iran decided to become affiliated to WFTU, which is a new positive step.

4. 30th October - 3rd November: Following an official Invitation from the leadership of the WFTU to the leadership of the WFTU comrades A.K. Padmanabhan, Tapan Sen and Swadesh Dev Roye, President, General Secretary and Head of International Relations respectively visited



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4. India, 5. Portugal, 6. Chile, 7. Nepal





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WFTU General Secretary with the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez

the headquarters of Athens on October 30 to November 3, 2010. The Indian trade union leaders held bilateral meetings with the Secretariat of the WFTU, the Greek Federation of Construction Workers, the Federation of Textile and Clothing of Greece, the Trade Union of Metal of Piraeus and the leadership of PAME.

This was the first time the leadership of CITU visited the WFTU Central Offices and this way a new type of relation between them is starting to exist.

5. 12-18 November: Comrade Lulamile Sotaka (NEHAWU), President of the TUI Public Service had important discussions with the Secretariat of WFTU regarding the matters concerning the opening and function of the new South African offices of the WFTU for the English-speaking countries of Africa.

LABOUR DAY

The WFTU General Secretary celebrated the **May Day 2010 in Nepal** hosted by the WFTU affiliates in the country. On April 30, 2010 General Secretary

attended the meeting of CONEP Leaders and discussed analytically on the main issues and problems of workers in the era of capitalist globalisation and financial crisis and put the perspectives and the tasks ahead for the year 2010, a preparatory year towards the 16th World Trade Union Congress to be held on April 2011 in Athens Greece. On May Day 2010, he participated and addressed the joint meeting of CONEP and GEFONT with the presence of political leader of UML party where 8.000 people celebrated the Day of the working class. George Mavrikos met also with the leaderships of ANTUF and NTUF, affiliates of WFTU and had a long debate and profound consultations on the trade union situation in national and international level and the tasks for the class struggles. A closer cooperation was agreed in specific topics and the fraternal relations among all parties were strengthened and improved.

The Deputy General Secretary, V.Pacho, celebrated the 121th Anniversary of the International Workers Day in **Havana, Cuba** together with the millions of heroic Cuban people who once again demonstrated their will to strengthen their struggle for the socialistic Cuba.

On the framework of the May Day celebrations, CTC organized a ceremony to honor the 65th Anniversary since the foundation of the World Federation of Trade Unions. V. Pacho and Jose Dinis, General Secretary of UITBB represented WFTU in this ceremony which was addressed

by the General Secretary of CTC, comrade **Salvador Valdes Mesa**.

The WFTU also chose the symbolic date of May Day 2010 to announce the call of the 16th **World Trade Union Congress** on April 6-10, 2011 in Athens Greece.

INTERNATIONAL ACTION DAY

On September 7th we celebrated the International Day of Action of WFTU. The call of WFTU for September 7th International Action Day was a big success all over the World. Many initiatives and mobilizations took place in 56 countries. Hundreds of thousands of workers all over the world united their voices on that day to demand a way out to the crisis, for workers not to pay for the crisis of capitalism. This successful initiative will



United Nations International Meeting, Istanbul



Ceremony for the celebration of the 65years Anniversary of the WFTU, Geneva

strengthen even more the prestige and the new course of the WFTU. The WFTU General Secretary, comrade George Mavrikos, participated in the initiatives organized in Ramallah (Palestine) for the International Action Day. This way, the WFTU expressed symbolically its firm solidarity with the fair struggle of the Palestinian people.

WFTU IN UN, ILO, UNESCO, FAO, HRC, UNCTAD

Meetings and activities in the United Nations:

1. 3-12th February: Dr. Frank Goldsmith, WFTU Permanent Representative at the UN attended the Meeting On the subject of Social Development.
2. 1-12 March: the WFTU participated in the 54th Session of the Commission on the Status

of Women of ECOSOC at the UN headquarters in New York. Comrade Frank Goldsmith, WFTU Permanent Representative in the UN and comrade Barbara Storace represented the WFTU. The WFTU also cooperated in the parallel event together with the WIDF on the economic/financial crisis and its impact on women and their access to work

3. 13-15 May: Comrade H. Mahadevan, WFTU Deputy General Secretary of WFTU in the ECOSOC in Korea.

4. 25-26 May – UN Istanbul: The Special Counselor of WFTU for the Middle East, Comrade Mohammed Iqnaibi participated in the “United Nations International Meeting in support of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, Ending the occupation and establishing the Palestinian State” and addressed the meeting on behalf of WFTU.

5. 30-31 August: The 63rd Annual DPI/NGO Conference of the United Nations was celebrated in Australia. WFTU was represented by comrade Sean Marshall (Construction Forestry Mining Energy Union (CFMEU)).

Meetings and activities in the ILO:

1. On May 13-Jun 2 comrade Gustavo Minaya from CGTP Peru attended on behalf of the WFTU the International Seminar organized by the ILO in Geneva on the subject: “Social policies for a decent work”.

2. **2-18 June - The 99th International Labour Conference:** The WFTU organized three meetings: (a) An initial preparatory meeting; (b) An Informal Presidential Council; (c) Friends Council.

- 15 June, Geneva: The WFTU



WFTU expresses once again its solidarity with the Palestinian people, Meeting with the Palestinian National Authority

organized an activity to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the WFTU foundation. Around 180 delegates attended and there were important interventions. The ACTRAV Director and the Head of the Workers Group attended the Ceremony.

16 June George Mavrikos made a speech in the plenary session

3. 25-29 October: 2nd ILO expert meeting to adopt a Code of Practice on Safety and Health in Agriculture. UISTA ACT was represented by comrade Souad Mahmoud that made important contributions.

4. 23-24 November: ILO Global Dialogue Forum on New Developments and Challenges in the Hospitality and Tourism Sector and their impact on Employment, Human Resources Development and Industrial Relations. WFTU was represented by Magda Chaltsotaki from TUI

Hotel and Tourism.

5. The WFTU attended the 3 meetings of the ILO Governing Body Session. (307th in March, 308th in June and 309th in November). The WFTU presence in these meetings was reinforced with the presence of Secretariat members and other colleagues, including Adib Miro, Apostolos Sotiropoulos, Maximo Aligasakis, H. Mahadevan, Etienne Moussavou among others

6. 13-17 December: XVIIth ILO America's Regional Meeting held in Chile. The WFTU delegation was composed by Joao Batista Lemos, Jose Ortiz and Ricardo Maldonado.

Meetings and activities in UNESCO:

9 December the WFTU participated in the International NGO Day, organized by the NGO Liaison Committee at UNESCO

Headquarters in Paris under the theme: "Growth or De-growth, the world at the crossroads". Our permanent representative for UNESCO Apostolos Sotiropoulos addressed the meeting.

Meetings and activities in the FAO:

3-7 May 36th FAO Regional Conference in Angola. WFTU was represented by comrade Elsadig Ali, Deputy General Secretary of WFTU.

Meetings and activities in the Human Rights Council

1. 1-26 March: 13th session of the Human Rights Council. WFTU attended some meetings and co-sponsor oral statements on the right to food and also on the situation in Haiti.

2. 31 May-18 June: 14th session of the Human Rights Council. WFTU participated in some meetings

and co-sponsor oral statement on humans rights situation in Western Sahara, the impact of transnational corporation and the humans rights in Sahara and a condemnation to the Israel attack to the humanitarian flotilla for Palestinian people,

3. 13 September - 1 October 15th session of the Human Rights Council



WFTU in Lisbon

Meetings and activities in the UNCTAD

1. 20-21 January: UNCTAD Meeting on Redefining Sustainability in the International Agenda Inspiring Greater Engagement in Biodiversity Issues. WFTU followed this meeting.

2. 10-11 May: UNCTAD Public Forum with Civil Society Organizations "Responding to Global Crises: New Development Paths". WFTU attended this meeting and intervened in the debates.

3. 4 October: UNTACD meeting on MDG summit outcome and next steps: briefing and interactive dialogue'. WFTU attended this meeting.

PUBLICATIONS

1. REFLECTS

We live in the age of technology. The communication amongst the unions and the trade unionists is mostly through the internet and the e-mail.

These tools are really useful and we ought to make use of them in order for our positions and our activities to quickly reach everywhere. In addition, WFTU believe that the magazines, have not lost their value. Our age is characterized by the controversy between the capital and the labour. The capitalists have in their possession the mass media, the TV-stations, the newspapers, the websites and the blogs. They organize constant attacks to the workers' minds. They, firstly target the consciousness and secondly the working class' and the new generation's pockets.

In such conditions, we need publications such as newspaper, magazines, websites, TV-stations etc. which will promote the positions of the class-oriented trade union movement. The magazine "Reflects" was published 2 times in the year 2010, and will keep being published 2-3 times per year. Our aim is to propagate, in a simple way, the positions of WFTU, the positions of its members and friends; to attract more friends. Our aim is to trade experience and knowledge between the continents, the branches and the regions; in order to assist the class-oriented struggles. Our aim

is to cultivate internationalism and labor solidarity amongst the workers, the poor farmers, the self-employed.

2. THE HISTORY OF WFTU - On the occasion of the ceremony to honor the 65th Anniversary of WFTU held on June 15th in Geneva, the Youth Committee



Poster of the 2nd International Action Day, 7th September 2010

of WFTU published a modern edition regarding the history of the WFTU.

POSTERS

1. Poster of Solidarity with the Cuban people
2. Poster of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
3. Poster of 1st May 2010
4. Poster of the 2nd International Action Day, 7th September 2010
5. Poster for the WFTU - Nile Basin Trade Union Federation of Commerce Workers Seminar : "Water for all".

Posters & Publications



Poster, Solidarity with the Cuban people



Poster, Solidarity with the Palestinian people, "3-day strike in all the commercial vessels to or from Israel"



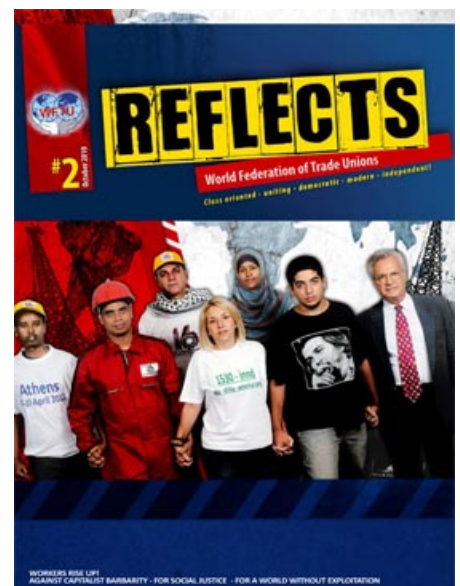
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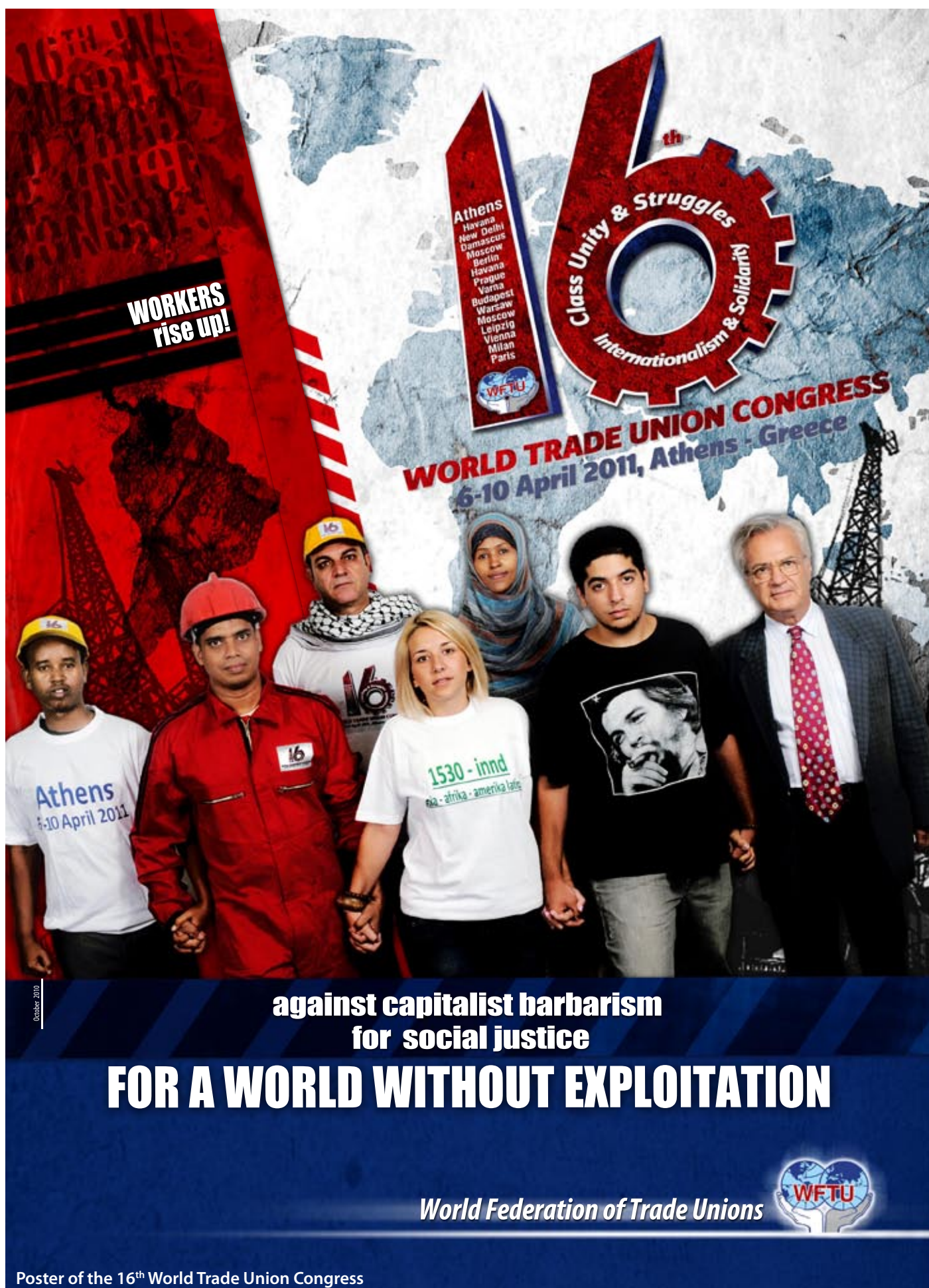
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Booklet, International Coordinating Committee of Young Workers - 65 years WFTU



"Reflects" - Magazine



The 89 New Affiliations

BENIN	ATINMAGBO
BAHRAIN	Alba Labour Union
BALUCHISTAN	Baluchistan Federation of Trade Unions (BFTU)
BRAZIL	CTB - Central de los Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de Brasil
BRAZIL	UTS - Uniao Sindical dos Trabalhadores
CAMEROUN	FESCOS-CAM
CAMEROUN	Syndicat National des Travailleurs des Industries, du Commerce et des Jeux du Cameroun
CANARIA	FRENTE SINDICAL OBRERO DE CANARIAS FSOC
CANARY ISLANDS	INTERSINDICAL CANARIA
CATALONIA	Intersindical CSC
CENTRAFRIQUE	Organisation Démocratique Syndicale des Travailleurs de Centrafrique (ODSTC)
COLOMBIA	FUNTRAENERGETICA
COLOMBIA	SINTRADIT - SINDICATO DE TRABAJADORES DISPONIBLES Y TEMPORALES
COLOMBIA	SINTRAMIENERGETICA - SINDICATO NACIONAL DE TRABAJADORES DE LA INDUSTRIA MINERA Y ENERGÉTICA
COLOMBIA	Union Sindical Obrera de la Industria del Petroleo (USO)
COLOMBIA	Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Industria del Tabaco (SINTRAINTABACO)
COLOMBIA	Sindicato de Trabajadores Oficiales y Empleados Públicos del Hospital General de Medellín (SINTRAHGM)
COLOMBIA	Sindicato Unico de Vigilantes de Colombia - SINUVICOL
COTE D'IVOIRE	AGEECI - Association Générale des Elèves et Etudiant de Côte d'Ivoire
DOMINICAN REP.	Unión General de Trabajadores Dominicanos
DOMINICAN REP.	Federación Unión de Trabajadores, Juntas de Vecinos, Organizaciones Populares, el Comercio Informal y Afines
ECUADOR	CENAPECO
ECUADOR	COMITÉ DE EMPRESA DE LOS TRABAJADORES DE PETROPRODUCCIÓN "CENAPRO"
EGYPT	General Trade Union of Workers in Mining & Quarrying
FRANCE	SISA
FRANCE	Collectif General des Travailleurs de Dalkia Energie
FRANCE	Syndicat CGT Renault Douai
GABON	CGT-FL
GABON	Confederation Syndicale Democretique du Travail CSDT
GABON	Confederation Democratique des Syndicats Autonomes
GALICIA	CUT – Central Unitaria de Trabajadores
GREECE	Federation of Construction Workers
GRENADA	Grenada Technical & Allied Workers Union
GUATEMALA	Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Educación Pública de la zona 18
GUINEA BISSAU	Confederação Geral dos Sindicatos Independentes da Guiné-Bissau, Central Sindical (CGSI-GB)
KENYA	Union of Journalists
LEBANON	AL WAFAA Trade Union
LIBERIA	CONATUL
MADAGASCAR	Syndicat Fierste des Travailleurs Malgaches (SRMM Sydicat)
MALAWI	MAMWU Malawi Municipal Workers Union
MAURITANIA	National Federation of Labour
MAURITANIA	Union Sociale des Travailleurs de Mauritanie
MAURITANIE	UGTM - UNION GENERALE DES TRAVAILLEURS DE MAURITANIE
MAURITIUS	Artisans and General Workers Union AGWU
MAURITIUS	Mauritius Senior Civil Servants Association (MSCSA)

MEXICO	SUEUM
MEXICO	SITTGE - Sindicato Independiente de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de Gobierno del Estado
MEXICO	SUTOPDSSM
MEXICO	Sindicato Independiente de Trabajadores del Colegio Bachilleres del Estado de Michoacan SITCB
MEXICO	Sindicato Independiente Nacional de Trabajadores de Salud, Sección 2 Michoacán
MEXICO	Frente Nacional de Trabajadores BraceroProa, A. C.
MOROCCO	Com. Ouvrieres Marocaines
MOROCCO	ORGANISATION DÉMOCRATIQUE DU TRAVAIL
NEPAL	ALL NEPAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS-ANTUF
NEPAL	CONFEDERATION OF NEPALESE PROFFISIONALS (CONEP)
NICARAGUA	Confederación Sindical de Trabajadores "José Benito Escobar" (CST-JBE)
NIGER	Union Syndicale Progressiste des travailleurs - USPT
NIGER	Syndicat National des Cadres de l'Administration du Travail (SYNCAT)
NIGERIA	Air Transport Services Staff Association of Nigeria
NIGERIA	Informal Sector Association of Nigeria
NIGERIA	National Union of Hotels and Personal Services Workers
NIGERIA	Association of Senior Staff of Banks, Insurance and financial Institutions (ASSBIFI)
PAKISTAN	Pakistan Central Mines Labour Federation
PAKISTAN	Peoples Trade Union Workers Federation Pakistan (PTUWF)
PAKISTAN	Pakistan Labour Federation (PLF)
PANAMA	Federación Auténtica de Trabajadores
PERU	Federación Nacional de Docentes Universitarios del Perú
PHILIPPINES	Samahan at Ugnayan ng Manggagawang Progresibo (SUMAPI)
R.D CONGO	Syndicat Chretien des Travailleurs du Congo
R.D CONGO	CTP SYNDICAT
R.D CONGO	U.T.E.A. - Union nationale des travailleurs du transports, mine, énergie, alimentation, agriculture et branches diverses
R.D CONGO	Alliance des Travailleurs Avertis et Consciencieux (ATAC)
R.D CONGO	Confederation Ouvriere Democratique (COD)
RWANDA	Syndicat STAYER
SENEGAL	SNT MECAC
SENEGAL	OIS/RD - Organisation des Instituteurs du Sénégal / Renovation Démocratique
SENEGAL	Federation General des Travailleurs du Senegal
SIERRA LEONE	TUC-SL
SIERRA LEONE	Sierra Leone Union of Securities, Watchmen and General Workers
SOMALIA	Somali Federation of Trade Unions
SOUTH AFRICA	National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA)
SRI LANKA	Inter Company Employees' Union
SRI LANKA	All Ceylon Estate Workers Union
SWITZERLAND	SIP-SINDICATI
TOGO	SYNBARCOT
TRINIDAD	Transport and Industrial Workers Union
VENEZUELA	Sindicato Unitario Nacional de Empleados Publicos del Ministerio del Poder Popular para las Relaciones Exteriores SUNEPMRE
VENEZUELA	Sindicato Único Nacional de Trabajadores de la Industria Química y Farmacéutica
VENEZUELA	Federación Unitaria Nacional de Trabajadores Bolivarianos de la Construcción, Afines y Conexos

To the:

- Presidential Council Members

- Affiliates

Subject: Audit of the WFTU Central Offices

Dear colleagues,

We are in the pleasant position to inform all the affiliates that the Finance Control Commission has finished the Audit of the WFTU Central Offices.

The control was detailed and general. The W.F.T.U. Secretariat handed to our disposal all the necessary documents, receipts, files and logistic books.

The assistance provided by the WFTU staff was excellent and very useful.

From the Audit we assumed that these five years:

- 1.The books are kept in order, through analytical and accountancy methods.
- 2.The receipts of incomes and expenditures are correct.
- 3.The expenses concern mostly about the action of the WFTU. and the functional needs of the Organization.

From the Audit it is resulted that the Secretariat, without having any significant incomes, developed a very important activity and many initiatives. After all these very important activities we must be, as class-oriented trade unions, very satisfied.

In the time after the 15th Congress, the WFTU. follows a new uprising course. This is something that everyone can see from the results.

If we all contribute financially, we

can be sure that this progress will be a rapid and a bigger one.

We are aware that most of the WFTU affiliates are poor trade unions but with rich action and militant history. Despite of difficulties, we call upon all affiliates to pay their statutory dues in the WFTU. and contribute to its new course, each one according to his capacities.

It is necessary that everyone helps. Our common target is the constant strengthening of the WFTU all over the world. As long as the WFTU becomes stronger, it is to our benefit and mostly to the benefit of the working class and of the class oriented trade unions movement internationally.

In front of the 16th World Trade Union Congress

Dear colleagues

We are in the final way for the big event. To hold in Athens our World Trade Union Congress and it is our duty to support also financially the WFTU.

On behalf of the FCC we call upon all the affiliates to send their fees on time, as we decided by the Presidential Council in its last session in Vietnam. It is not proper that the financial burdens to be taken up only some and usually always the same organizations.

Let's all respond in that duty as well. Let's show also by this

way both our militancy and responsibility.

"Do now your internationalist duty! Send your fees to the WFTU Central Offices now!" It is necessary to cover expenses for the 16th Congress.

Fraternal greetings,

Cleanthes Cleanthous
Chairman of WFTU Finance
Control Commission

Athens January 10, 2011



With the Prime Minister of the Palestine National Authority, Mr. Salam Fayyad



With the former Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal



With the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Mr. Fuad Siniora



With the President of Belarus, Mr. A.G Lukashenko



The General Secretary meets the Vice-President of Syria



With the President of Republic of Cyprus, Ch. Christofias

Summary Reports
of the **Regional Offices**
of the **World Federation of Trade Unions**



Summary Report on the activity of the Regional Office in Africa

Until the 15th Congress in Havana, the WFTU Regional Office of Africa had its seat in Dakar, Senegal headed by comrade Ibrahim Sylla.

This Regional Office had to confront significant difficulties, both objective and subjective. For this, its work has been left behind.

For the needs of the African Continent to be covered, the Presidential Council and the Secretariat, after a specific discussion on this subject for four times, decided to also operate the Offices in Khartoum, Sudan and in Johannesburg, S. Africa. This fragmentation made it difficult for our forces to coordinate.

For this, based on our collective decisions the Central Offices from Athens undertook a lot of initiatives and organized on central level activities and initiatives such as:

1. 2007, Conference of African Trade Unions. It was the first conference held in Africa in many years. We voted a special action programme for Africa with many initiatives.

2. 2008, 14 November, Lagos Nigeria: WFTU Seminar on Basic Needs and Reducing Poverty for all and 15 November WFTU African Regional Meeting with the participation of delegates representing 12 African countries.

Both activities were organized and hosted by the Nigerian Trade unions ASSBIFI, ATSSAN, NACOISAN, NUATE and NUHPSW.

3. 2009, 19-21 July: WFTU organized an International Trade Union Seminar on Working

Women on the issue of: "The role of female trade unionists in promoting the organization of more working women for a better future for Commerce in Nile Basin countries". The Seminar was organized in Cairo, Egypt in cooperation with the Nile Basin Trade Union Federation of Commerce Workers.

4. 2009, 11 December: WFTU organized an African Regional Seminar in Nairobi-Kenya on the subject: "Struggling against HIV-AIDS".

5. 2010, 25-29 April: WFTU organized a training seminar with African trade unionists in Athens concerning the "Role of the Mass Media – radio, tv, press – in the struggle of the trade union movement".

6. 2010, 15-18th September – An international Seminar of WFTU and the Nile Basin Trade Union Federation of Commerce Workers entitled "Trade Unions and Current Challenges of the Nile Basin Countries", was celebrated in Cairo, Egypt on September 15-18th, 2010 with the participation of delegations.

7. 2010, 29-30 November - Gabon: A successful regional trade union seminar was organised in Gabon on the subject "Working Women and Poverty". WFTU was represented by Apostolos Sotiropoulos, the permanent representative of WFTU in the UNESCO.

In the 16th World Trade Union Congress, the delegates and the observers from Africa ought to discuss and decide on specific organizational measures in order to overcome the weaknesses. The good work being done by



comrade Lulamile Sotaka, Head of the Regional Office in S. Africa is an important, positive step, which, as long as, it has continuity and stability, will open paths for our action in Africa.



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Summary Report on the activity of the Regional Office in Latin America

Since the celebration of the 15th WFTU Congress, its representation in America has worked in a region characterized for struggling in favour of fairer societies with the participation of the workers and the peoples proving the validity of the socialist ideas against the imperialist intention to perpetuate the imposition of its outdated system.

It is evident the development of a struggle of ideas in a context where progressive advances persist tending to favour the class-oriented trade union movement and the WFTU.

During this stage, a large and varied number of activities have been carried out by the office of the WFTU in America, through which agreements

and resolutions derived from the 15th WFTU Congress and the WFTU Presidential Council were implemented. They are as follows:

- An active presence in the battle against the defeated FTAA.
- Our efforts to be present in the places where workers and trade unionists are struggling, and in most of the cases the WFTU militant voice has been heard in crowded demonstrations. In this sense, it was given a special attention to Colombia, where it was necessary to adapt a special and specific Action Plan by the Presidential Council.
- There were more than twenty-five formal accusations presented before ILO, in most of the cases claiming for the respect to the trade union organizations integrity.
- The WFTU Office in America has sent around two

hundred and fifty expressions of solidarity to mainly contribute to give support and mobilize in favour of fair causes.

- Thanks to some TUIs such as the Metal & Mining, the Construction and the Agriculture & Food and the Public Service, we could learn how much it is possible to get advanced in the sector struggle particularly in the fight against the corporate actions.

- The conception, pushing and participation of our organization along the three ESNA (Trade Union Meeting "Our America") editions, which constitute a bastion to strengthen class-oriented trade union organizations; to attract independent trade union organizations, to establish credible trade union alternatives due to its far reaching and reception, to develop a common anti-I imperialist front of struggle for democracy and for the workers' most legitimate interests, as well as to mainly contribute to expand the influence of the ideas proclaimed by the WFTU.

- The development of initiatives that tend to strengthen trade union organizations that belong to ALBA countries encouraging this paradigm in the region.

- The design, gestation and development of more than fifteen sector, zone and thematic meetings that have mainly contributed to promote the WFTU thought.

- The dynamic presence of the WFTU presidential Council.

- The development of WFTU vice-presidents meetings as well

as other meetings held by WFTU leaders.

- An active participation in the World Social Forums and in the Americas Social Forum, too.
- We finished ten "Political Updating" Courses for Trade Union Action in which around six hundred students participated. We also offered 5 "Trainer of Trainers" Courses in which one hundred and fifty students attended there. We also organized and promoted other six sector courses or seminars and we made great efforts to promote new training forms.
- We made big efforts publishing articles that systematically contribute to a specialized analysis on topics that help to make a fair trade union interpretation according to the

actual moment of struggle and its influences.

- Multiple seminars, lectures and workshops were held by researchers and academics.
- The systematic publication of around two hundred issues of our weekly bulletin and more than forty issues of our magazine is an element that have sensitively contributed to the development of the WFTO labour, what was accessible not only to our affiliated and friend trade union organization, but also to another large number of trade union organizations in the area that are receiving the WFTU message systematically. We have also contributed to widen the WFTU image in the region through an increase of diverse actions together with the media.

We are getting forward reviving our web page.

- It has been promoted and extended "WFTU Poles" activities in different countries – in more than ten countries – and our determination to continue widening a network of activities from the thematic viewpoint as well as the sub-regional coordinators that are supported by leaders and activists from affiliated trade union organizations, whose work was highly valued one to diffuse WFTU presence and message, what has propitiated adequate conditions to create structures that improve WFTU work in the region.
- WFTU in America has counted with the support of tens of collaborators, including well-



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known intellectuals, who have also given a decisive cooperation. Our systematic acknowledgment has contributed to their permanent support.

- We have highly celebrated events such as WFTU 65th Anniversary, CTAL 70th Anniversary, 15th Anniversary of the WFTU America's Office and others.

- We extended our coordination to unitary actions not only with other trade union organizations, but also with change agents, such as farmers, organizations of women, youngsters, indigenous, retired ones, intellectuals, informal workers, unemployed ones and all those ones needing vindication. We have also strengthened joints with regional organizations such as the Centre America Common Trade Union Platform, ILA and others.

- The seat of WFTU America's Office has welcomed multiple delegations from trade union organizations and labour parties in the region and we have also contacted them in events abroad.

- We have made visits to trade union organizations in all the countries of the South Cone, the Andes Region, Centre America, Mexico, United States and an important number of Caribbean ones like Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Grenada and Guyana.

- The presence of comrade George Mavrikos, WFTU General Secretary, has left a meaningful mark in the region. We have been encouraging with great enthusiasm the trade union

organizations in the region for the preparation of the WFTU 16th Congress.

- The contribution given by the WFTU affiliated trade union organizations in the region and particularly the Worker's Central Union of Cuba (CTC) has been a decisive support to the development of the WFTU labour in the region.

- The search of the America's Office for a more propositional, attractive, influential and useful WFTU for workers and their trade union organizations has made an impact reflected in the request of more than one hundred new affiliations, what has brought about that in this very moment our figure of affiliations has increased four times the existing number before the previous WFTU Congress.



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Regional Office

**Asia &
Pacific**

Summary Report on the activity of the Regional Office in Asia & Pacific

Role of the Regional Office

*The targets expected to be undertaken by the Regional Offices in general viz.

- "To unite all National Organizations of WFTU on its specific continent with the objectives and policy. To promote our strategy and our tactics.

- To organize and support the struggle of the popular stratas on the continent and to be close to the ordinary and simple people of toil and work.

- To enable meaningful participation by all our members in the region.

- Have a constant target of entering new members in WFTU from the same continent.

- To assist when the leadership of a TUI is seeking help and cooperation on the continent" were by and large fulfilled by the APRO, New Delhi

*We have also formed a Regional Committee consisted of one member from each constituent affiliated national unions/units, in the meeting held in Nepal during one of the WFTU Asia Pacific Regional Meeting/Seminar. Invariably, once an year this body had met, during the AP Regional Meetings.

*Several struggles of the affiliates, friendly trade union bodies that took place during the period since the last Conference have been supported by the Reg. office. Statements expressing solidarity & support were issued, Resolutions/Declarations/Press Release sent to the concerned Govts./ authorities as well as the mass of workers on strike.

*Unity and United approaches from amongst the affiliates/friendly organisations in response to the call of the WFTU Central offices, as well as on programme launched by individual organisations have been supported and persued. There were also call to demonstrate before the Embassies /High Commissions of such countries within the APRO.

*Necessary follow up actions were made by APRO on various international calls given by WFTU and feed back obtained after every such actions. There were constant communications in this regard, initiated by the APRO.

*The campaigns were also regularly carried out by means of on monthly journal, "Flashes from WFTU."

*WFTU Regional Office in Delhi (APRO) did take sincere initiatives for enrolling new affiliates which included some unions/national unions from Sri Lanka, Nepal,

Philippines, Mauritius, Pakistan, Thailand, Fiji.

*The APRO office has initiated programme of help and assistance when natural calamities occurred in certain countries such as Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia etc. and sent specific individual supports to our friendly and affiliated organisations to extend their supports. However, we do not know the details of the supports if any, rendered by them.

*Our Monthly Publication:

Our monthly publication "Flashes from WFTU" had been restored and this is published, posted as well as sent on Mail (in pdf form) regularly without break. We believe this is also published in the website of WFTU thus having a world coverage.

The 'Flashes from WFTU' contained all the important directions/calls/circulars of the WFTU Central Office, as well as activities undertaken by the General Secretary / Secretariat TUIs of WFTU, the activities of the Regional office/Incharge of Regional offices, information of activities made available by the other Regional organisations, appeals made by them, International developments in the working class front, general struggles/ strikes/ Demonstrations occurring in different parts of the



world, launched by the various organisations of the working class, important and useful, educative articles & statements on economic, political and labour issues, pictures depicting those activities/events etc.

Invariably these are received by the recipient organisations outside India free of cost, while in India also only a few hundreds contribute regular subscription, despite the fact the subscription is very meagre & nominal (Rs. 5 per issue (0.110988 USD). The cost of printing & posting /sending by pdf form is met by the AITUC India, to the maximum extent of Rs. 100,000/- or US\$ 2,220.35 per year). The excess cost due to the increased cost of printing/posting over and above Rs. 1,00,000 is not made up by any other organisations and continue to remain deficit.

APROs Important Assignments/ Meetings/Solidarity etc.

On the direction of the WFTU General Secretary, the In charge of the APRO, who is also a Dy. General Secretary of WFTU (i) met in a delegation the Director-General of ILO, to represent the voice and views of the WFTU on the functioning of ILO, the undemocratic monopoly of one International Organisation (ITUC), in the Governing Body

and emphasising 'proportionate representation' in the Governing Body, before the last elections to the GB in 2008. (ii) participated in the GB meetings of the ILO (Workers Group) and explained the views and positions of the WFTU on "(a) Functioning of the ILO/Governing Body, (b) Multinational Corporations, (c) Social Policy & Employment with particular reference to Labour Inspection," in Sept. 2010. (The detailed presentations have been extensively circulated by the WFTU Central Office and put on the web-site).

*We organised a National Seminar in Philippines "Labour Migration" as directed by WFTU Hq.

*Contacted National / sectoral organisations to enrol/participate in the newly formed TUIs (Metal, Finance, Tourism & Hotel).

*Intervened in some of the critical working class problems in the Region and issued statements & solidarity messages which include the following:

(1) APFUTU initiated protest against Industrial Relations Ordinance 2002, Unemployment, Price hike, law lessness, privatisation of power houses.

(2) Congratulated Com. Ganesh Shah, veteran trade unionist of Nepal, former NTUF President on becoming a Minister in the Democratic Republic of

Nepal, after overthrowing the monarchy. (3) Once again visited Sri Lanka (in Feb.2007) to support the Fishers struggle, to adopt an ILO Convention.

(3) Continued campaign against asbestos contacting all concerned in the sender country, Canada and on workers health & safety issues.

(5) Greeted the 4th National Conference of ANTUC held in Pokhara (Nepal) (5) extended solidarity and support to the Agricultural Punjab Union Federation, Pakistan.

(6) Sent message of solidarity on behalf of WFTU urging for the Restoration of Democracy in Pakistan.

(7) Organised the Asia Pacific Regional meeting organised in Delhi during Nov. 2007, inaugurated by the AITUC Gen. Secretary Com. Gurudas Das Gupta & placing of Key Note address by Com. George Mavrikos, WFTU Gen. Secretary; Resolved on an Action/Plan, evolving Common Charter of Demands.

(8) The meeting also adopted Resolution on ILO, against its monopoly by one Int. Organisation and demanding for "proportionate representation" in the Governing Body.

(9) Participated in the Presidential Council meeting in Jan. 2008 in Sudan.

(10) Contributed APRO views and proposals in the 4th International Forum 'On Economic Globalisation & Trade Unions' organised by ACFTU in Beijing, inaugurated by PR China's President HU JINTAO, in Jan. 2008.

(11) Participated in a WFTU high level delegation that met Director-General of ILO in Geneva in March 2008 and presented a Memorandum seeking reforms in ILO and the GB.

(12) Extended solidarity against the offensive of the Mexican Government on the working class fighting against privatisation of oil industry, which was gratefully responded by the

Energy Workers' Front, an affiliate of WFTU.

(13) Addressed the Nepalese trade unions collective meeting in August 2008 which decided to organise the next APRO Regional Meeting in Nepal.

(14) Extended solidarity to CGTP, Peru leading the nation wide strike since 9th July, 2008.

(15) On 21st & 22nd Sept. 2008 organised the Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar in Kathmandu, inaugurated by the (officiating) Prime Minister of Nepal, which adopted Kathmandu Declaration.

(16) Formation of Asia-Pacific Regional Committee.

(17) Solidarity with Philippines workers and message sent to the Governor of Bangko Sentral ng Philippines.

(18) Greeted the AIBEA's landmark 26th Conference held in the Capital of India, on behalf of WFTU.

(19) Also represented WFTU in the Convention on 'Global Financial Crisis and the need to protect financial sector & pensions'.

19 (a) Participated and greeted the last Conferences of TUCC, AIUTUC, AICCTU & FISE.

(20) Congratulatory Message to Ceylon Bank Employees' Union on the eve of their success on Nationalisation of Ceylon Bank Ltd. and the reinstatement of their leader.

(21) Extended support to the struggle against Nestle Management in Philippines, against the state sponsored terrorism.

(22) Attended Presidential Council meeting in Cyprus on 8-9, March 2009, which was greeted by the President of Cyprus, and adopting Action Plan.

(23) Took all efforts for the observance of Int. Protest Day on 1st April 2009, as per the WFTU's call in several countries in Asia-Pacific.

(24) Attended on behalf of WFTU in the Asian Conference on the International Financial Crisis: Analysis, Alternatives, Action held on April 14 to 17, 2009 Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia and placing WFTU's views and proposals on the important topic.

(25) Presented our views & considered views in the International Seminar held in Hanoi during July 2009.

(26) Extending solidarity to the Thailand Workers Unions, against the arrest of Thai Union leaders, who were protesting against the closure of factories.

(27) Solidarity with the Mexican Electricity Workers; Union (SME) and writing to the Mexican President Felipe Calderon.

(28) Solidarity/support of Bangladesh Workers who have been the victims of occupational accidents in various sectors, including garment sector.

(29) Organising an important and inspiring Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar in Dhaka on 22-23, December 2009; Adoption of 'Dhaka Declaration'.

(30) Attended Presidential Council Meeting in Ho-Chi Minh City during 22-23, February, 2010.

(31) Organising 'National Seminar' on "Labour Migration" during 21st -22nd April 2010 in Manila; Adoption of 'Pamitinan Declaration'.

(32) Support & Solidarity extended to Ashraf Labour and residents of Camp Ashraf Campaign on 'Save Trade Unionists' which was well acknowledged by the struggling workers.

(33) Appeal to the Constituents of WFTU in the Asia-Pacific Region in response to the Appeal of Pakistan Unions to extend assistance to Flood Relief.

(34) Participated in the Golden Jubilee Conference of the AISGEF (an affiliate of TUI (PS) in Vijayawada (India) in Sept. 2010.

(35) Participation in the 3 Committee of the Workers Groups in ILO Geneva during November 2010 on behalf of WFTU. (i) on the functioning of the 'ILO & Governing Body' (ii) MNCs (iii) Social Policy & Employment/ Labour Inspection.

(36) Statement issued on the eve of the nomination of Mr. Guy Ryder of ITUC to the post of Vice-General Secretary of ILO and once again reiterating our strong views on the functioning of ILO in a one-sided manner and seeking reform in ILO.

(37) Represented WFTU in the International Seminar on "Resurgence of Public-Owned Enterprises" in Thiruvananthapuram (India), organised by the State Govt. of Kerala.

(38) Took part as a Chief Guest in the 14th National Convention of the Inter Company Employees' Union in Colombo (Sri Lanka) on the 14th Dec. 2010, besides having meetings with some Sri Lankan Trade Unions.

(39) Currently mobilising & campaigning in the Asia-Pacific Region for the success of the ensuing 16th World Congress of WFTU.



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Regional Office
Europe

Summary Report on the activity of the Regional Office in Europe

2006

- We took part in the meeting organised by WFTU in Athens for the Workers May Day and Young Workers.
- We gave our presence in the meeting organised in Brussels by WFTU and was dedicated to immigrant workers and their social rights.
- We paid a visit after invitation to the trade unions of Belarus.
- We participated in the Congress of the SISA Trade Union in Switzerland.
- We follow the annual session of the ILO.
- We participated in the 13th Congress of the Autonomous Trade Unions of Serbia.
- We jointed the Solidarity Meeting with the peoples of the Middle East organised by CGTP IN-Portugal in Lisbon.
- We sent a solidarity message with the peoples of Lebanon, Palestine and the Middle East against the criminal war of Israel.
- We participated in demonstrations held in Cyprus

against the invasion of Lebanon by Israel and also in the collection of clothes, covers, food and medicines.

- We took part in the International Solidarity Conference with the people of Lebanon organised by WFTU in Athens.
- We participated in the meeting of the GUE/NGL – FSE in Berlin.

2007

- The 6th Annual Session of EUROF held in Cyprus.
- Within the framework of the 6th Annual session of EUROF in Cyprus, we jointed the demonstration of working people towards the Office of the European Union in Cyprus, which was organized by Pancyprrian Federation of Labour (PEO).
- The Secretariat of EUROF met within the framework of the annual session of the ILO.
- On the occasion of May Day a declaration was prepared and was sent to a series of organisations in Europe.
- EUROF called on all the trade unions of Europe to counter the development of xenophobic phenomena, racism and neo-fascist practises.

Within this framework EUROF itself undertook initiatives, apart from the rich daily activity the trade unions in Europe in each separate country were developing.

- Effort to enrol more women within the ranks of the trade unions and the struggle to defend their rights was enhanced. Special attention was given to young women.

- The Secretariat of EUROF had a meeting with the Employment Commissioner of the EU and with the Heads of the Departments dealing with labour matters.

- According to anniversaries and developments, we prepared statements and messages (for example on International Women's Day, the celebration of Workers May Day, the International Day against Drugs etc).

- It was organized the 7th Annual Meeting of EUROF-WFTU in Catalonia, hosted by Intersindical -CSC Barcelona.

- We organized in Barcelona a seminar entitled "The role of women in the EU".

2008

- We joined the International Mobilization of workers and progressive forces of the world regarding the Global Financial Crisis.
- We were represented in the Founding Congress of the Trade Union International of Metal and Mining of WFTU.
- We organized in Galicia, hosted by CUT, the Preparatory Meeting of European Working Women's Organization.
- We organized the Preparatory Meeting of European Pensioners' Organization, hosted by MEASZ in Budapest.
- We were represented in the 7th National Congress of LAB, in Basque Country.
- We participated in the Conference to the TUI of Agriculture, Textile and General Workers in Paris.
- We addressed the 4th Congress

of INTERSINDICAL Catalonia.

- We participated in the 25th Congress of PEO, in Cyprus.
- We expanded our activities to help in making new Organisations joint with us.
- Pressure was given in the direction of our further involvement-intervention in the EU.
- Within the framework of the session of the ILO we organised activities.
- On the occasion of Workers May Day we prepared a declaration that was sent together with the poster of WFTU.
- EUROF's web site was completed.
- We published twice the «EUROF NEWS».
- A CD regarding the activities of EUROF was prepared and circulated.

2009

- We took part in the 3rd Meeting of the Presidential Council of WFTU in Cyprus, hosted by Pancyprian Federation of Labour (PEO).
- The 8th Conference of EUROF hosted in Athens by PAME.
- We organized in Minsk a Seminar about the Financial Crisis, hosted by the Federation of T.U. of Belarus (FTUB).
- We participated in the deliberations of the ILO in Geneva, as well as in the scheduled session of the Presidential Council and friends of WFTU.
- We had discussions with the Confederation of Slovakian Trade Unions and 4 sectorial Trade Unions (Construction, Agricultural, Tourist, Trade and Health workers).
- We had meetings in Budapest



8th European Regional Meeting,, Athens Greece

focusing mainly on the participation of trade union organizations of the country in the 8th Conference of EUROF.

- We had contacts with political personalities and trade union organizations in Prague.

- We met with the Coordinator of the Trade Union Organizations of the Left Wing in England.

- The First Congress of Working Women in Europe took place in Prague.

- We participated in a seminar organized by TUI Transport in Lisbon.

- We sent an observer at the meeting of the European Left (Die Linke of Germany).

- We addressed the Congress of CUT in Galicia.

- We were represented at the 10th Congress of the Trade Union DEV-IS in Cyprus.

- We participated in the Congress of the Trade Unions of Bohemia, Silesia and Moravia in Prague.

- We took part in the meeting in Brussels of the European Trade Unions of the European United Left-Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL).

2010

- We participated in the Presidential Council of WFTU in Vietnam.

- We addressed the Congress of the World Anti-Fascist Federation in Berlin.

- We had contacts in Budapest with three Organizations of Pensioners.

- We had meetings in Slovakia with the Agricultural Economy, Food and Wines Trade Union, as well as with the Pensioners' Organization.

- We paid a visit to Prague and we

had discussions with Pensioners' Organizations and with the Communist Party of Bohemia-Moravia.

- The 1st Meeting of the European Metal TUs took place in Athens.

- We participated in the annual Conference of ILO. We also participated to an event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the revolution in Cuba and the 70th anniversary of C.T.C. of Cuba.

- We organized the 1st Congress of European Pensioners, in the city Las Palmas of Canary Islands, hosted by INTERSINDICAL.

- The 9th Conference of EUROF, hosted by USB in Rome.

- We were represented in a Meeting for the Global Financial Crisis organized by GUE/NGL – FSE in Brussels.

- We participated in the Conference of OGB/LEFT BLOCK which took place in Vienna.

- We were represented in the XVII Conference of FISE-WFTU.

* The above mentioned activities are part of the carried out ones.



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Summary Report on the activity of the Regional Office in Middle East

- 1- Participation in the fiftieth anniversary since the foundation of ICATU in the forum held in cooperation with the ILO on the 20.02.2006.
- 2- Participation by addressing the WFTU-ICATU-ILO workshop at Damascus entitled "Works Standards and Production Parties" on 20.05.2006.
- 3- Participation in the workshop on the importance of the social dialogue and collective negotiations held by the WFTU at the Labor Studies Institute on 09.09.2006.
- 4- Meeting with the Iranian Trade Union delegation headed by brother Ali Rida.
- 5- Participation in the stay-in strike in front of Syria Trade Union Federation against the Israeli aggression against Lebanon with the Syria's Trade Union Federation delegation and Iranian Trade Union Delegation from the Workers House.
- 6- Meeting with the brother Iraqi Medical Professions Chairman and the presentation of the Secretariat's request to join the WFTU.
- 7- Action of support to the President Bashar Al Assad, the president of the Syrian Arab Republic on 24.05.2007.
- 8- Participation in the forum held by the ICATU in favor of Sudan Trade Unions on 05.06.2007.
- 9- The regional office of WFTU held a forum entitled (operation relations and the impacts of the globalized economy) at Damascus with the participation of the members and friendly organization in the Arab territory on 23.07.2007.
- 10- The head of the Regional Office participated in a workshop entitled (Announcement of the major principles and the contribution of the labors organization to enhance) in Damascus on 04.08.2007, and he presented a lecture on the international changes, as well as the announcement of the ILO concerning the major rights and principles.
- 11- Participation with the General Secretary of the Federation, G. Mavrikos and the Deputy General Secretary, brother Adib Miro, in the 25th conference of Syria's trade union federation, on 18-21/11/2007.
- 12- Participation in the meeting held between the General Secretariat of the WFTU, and the General Secretariat of the ICATU at Damascus on 18.11.2007.
- 13- Organising a meeting with the Iraqi's Trade Union Federation Chairman established at Nineveh to join the WFTU, on 30.04.2008.
- 14- Participation in the activities of the forum held by the Executive Bureau of the Construction Federation on 05.06.2008 and organisation of a cooperative meeting with Syria's trade unions, with presenting a speech by the comrade Adib Miro, the Deputy General Secretary.
- 15- Meeting the construction and wood trade union federation at Lebanon concerning their activities, on 07.06.2008.
- 16- Meeting in Damascus with the Federation of Loyalty to Lebanon Labors Associations Union from cooperative entities to discuss the cooperative visit in the Bami area trade unions to Lebanon on 08.06.2008.
- 17- Participation in the General Secretariat of the Arab Printing Labors Federation on 13.07.2008.
- 18- Meeting with the comrade Antonio Neto, the President of CGTB Brazil and Adib Miro, and Ahmad Habab, the Secretary of the Arab Relations with the Syrian Trade Union Federation on

28.07.2008.

19- Receiving PAME delegation and Greek trade union, visiting Qunaitra city and meeting the brother General Secretary, and Adib Miro 27.09.2008.

20- Participation in conducting an advertisement campaign with the General Secretariat of the WFTU to support the Syrian Arab Republic to confront the USA blatant attacks against the Syrian innocent people at Bokamal, Syrian-Iraqi borders, on 10.10.2008.

21- Contribution in circulating the letter of the General Secretary of the Federation addressed to the General Secretary of UN to condemn the savage attack against Gaza by the Israeli army.

22- Participation in the cooperative festival invited by the Communist Party and the progressive Palestinian parties against the Israeli attack against Gaza on 26.01.2009.

23- Meeting with the General Secretariat of the ICATU to prepare for the joint forum in Athens, 12-13/4/2009.

24- Participation in the Democratic Revolutionary Arab Dialogue forum at the Arab Labors Studies Institute in Damascus held by the ICATU to support the president and people of Sudan against the resolution of the criminal court, with presenting a speech of the WFTU in this occasion on 22.03.2009.

25- Participation in the festival held to honor the pioneer labors held by Damascus Labors Federation on 20.05.2009 at Sahara Tourist Complex in Damascus.

26- On 05.07.2009 circulating cooperation letter addressed by the brother General Secretary of the WFTU to the president of the Syrian Arab Republic for supporting the people and trade unions of Syria.

27- Participation in the social securities forum with the presence of the Minister of Social Affairs and Labors, the head and members of the executive bureau of Syria's trade union federation on 16.08.2009.

28- Participation in Jerusalem Support Day at Beirut on 18.09.2009 with the presence of many political and trade union persons

29- Participation in the international extraordinary meeting for the communist and labor parties held at Damascus on 28.09.2009.

30- Holding a meeting with the Federation of Loyalty to Lebanon Labors and the head of Farmers Federation to join the WFTU on 30.09.2009.'

31- Participation in the opening ceremony of the Arab-Cuban cooperation forum at Sahara Tourist Complex from 1-2/10/2009.

32- Participation with brother George Mavrikos in the Arab and International Golan meeting activities at Qunaitra city from 10-11/10/2009.

33- Participation in the popular festival for the 85th anniversary of the Syrian communist party on 16.12.2009.

34- Participation in the forum held by Loyalty Federation for Labors and the General Labors Union at Beirut from 15-16/2/2010.

35- Participation in the festival of the 1st of May 2010 held by the General Union of the Trade Union Federation at Syria.

36- Making a statement from



WFTU Delegation in UGTD Congress, Djibouti

the Regional Office to condemn the Israeli piracy against the Freedom Fleet on 01.06.2010 and participation in the popular march made at Damascus.

37- Participation in the Trade Union Federations forum held at Damascus on 29-30/10/2010 between the WFTU and the ICATU.

38- Participation in the Syrian communist party conference for election held at Damascus on 29.10.2010.

39- Participation in the delegation of the WFTU headship board to China on 29.11.2010.

40- The Head of the Regional Office, and brother Adib Miro, the General Secretary Deputy, have participated in all popular and labors occasions held during this period, including those mentioned above, and presented lectures at the federations institute and published articles and topics in newspapers.

The Regional trade union center would like to express sincere gratitude to the brothers, head and members of the executive bureau of the Syria's trade union federation for all the potentials and material aids provided to the center to fulfill its duties. It would like also to express sincere gratitude to the brother the General Secretary and members of the General Secretariat of the WFTU, and its

secretary for the continuous and fruitful cooperation between them, hoping to expand the cooperation and participation by all the members and friendly organizations in the Arab organization.



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Summary Reports **of the Trade Union Internationals** **of the World Federation of Trade Unions**

Summary Report

TUI of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textile and Allied Industries

Reinforcing the regional presence of our UIS

The International Union's October 2007 Executive Committee meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, set out our objectives for both the continental and the regional development of the Union's activities.

Its objectives have been met in Europe, in South America and in Africa. Subsidiary conferences were held by coordination committees specially structured for the different continents: in Europe (February 2008: Paris, France), in South America (November 2008: Managua, Nicaragua) and in Africa (January 2010: Dakar, Senegal).

The activity of these committees is expanding. The Executive Committee of the European organisation holds regular meetings. In South America, we are setting up a further conference, which is planned for 2012 in Brazil. In Africa, since the Conference, we have been recognising new affiliates. There is still some way to go in Asia, the Arab countries and the ex-Soviet republics, but efforts are underway in these countries and contacts are being forged. We are considering the possibility of using our significant membership in India, Vietnam and Pakistan, as well as our relations with our comrades in the Chinese agricultural union, the FSC, as a base for expanding our activities into Asia. We recognise the importance of the common work

undertaken by the professional structure of the International Union and the regional offices of the WFTU. We have together to keep up these efforts, without however denying, reducing or slowing down the professional dimensions, which are essential, and contribute to developing our audience, our contacts and our relationships. In this context, we have further to reinforce UIS activity.

The regional or continental activities being established with the WFTU's regional offices are much appreciated by both friends and affiliates of our professions.

Developing our bilateral relations.

Our International Union, which comprises more than 130 affiliates

and friendly organisations in 70 countries, representing around 20 million members, is developing bilateral relations with its affiliates. In December 2010, for example, we are participating in the AIKS Congress, India's largest organisation for peasants and workers on the land.

Furthermore, we wish to strengthen our bilateral relations with those friendly organisations with which we have already worked extensively. We have recently been reinforcing our links with the Chinese agricultural union, the FSC. Many initiatives have been undertaken, such as our International Union's participation in the Pekin Forum of February 2010, which we see as a very positive development.

New initiatives have already



2nd International Action Day, Mobilization, France

been scheduled with them

We shall be reinforcing similar links with food industry and agriculture unions in Egypt. Among other initiatives, we are planning, along with some of our affiliates, to recreate a Mediterranean Union Committee of our professions.

Strengthening our presence in UN agencies

In our shared battle, led by the WFTU, against the hegemony of the CSI in the OIT, our UIS is attempting to establish a regular presence at the meetings, seminars and workgroups organised by the OIT, especially those for our members in the food industries, agriculture and forestry.

This means that several International Union comrades have for sometime enjoyed a close collaboration with the WFTU's permanent representatives at the OIT. We have also documented fresh political statements that clarify our fundamental positions as a union.

The struggle merely to be present and able to take part is a tough one. Even at the meetings themselves, power and special interest are wielded ruthlessly. Our comrades, though, manage to get our opinions and positions across every time.

Our International Union has for many years deployed contacts and initiatives within the FAO, a UN agency that conducts itself much less openly than the OIT, due to the fact that its union presence is much more marginal and confined to the status of

observers. We nevertheless still manage to make our voice heard and our positions known. We have notably been able to express our opinion on the subjects of agrarian reform, alimentary sovereignty, and other matters.

In common with the WFTU, we are convinced that we can further strengthen our presence in the FAO. Our International Union is ready and able.

Improving communication

We regularly (two or three times a year) publish an information bulletin about our International Union. Publication was relaunched in 2005 in the wake of our 2nd International Conference of April 2004, which was held in Paris. We consider the bulletin a valuable outlet for our opinions on matters close to the heart of our professions.

It contains news about our various struggles, as well as in-depth analysis of the big questions concerning the future of agriculture and the food industries; questions such as the nature of agrarian reforms, capitalist use of biofuels, or the patenting of life.

These bulletins will continue to be published. We intend to bring them out on a more regular basis.

Our 3rd International Conference

The augmented Secretariat of our International Union met in Paris in September 2010 and took several decisions; notably, that of holding our 3rd International Conference in Paris at the end of

June, 2011.

It also called for a Conference of solidarity for the Arab peoples, in particular those of Palestine and Iraq, in their struggle against Israeli colonialism and imperialist domination.

We are working towards accomplishing these two important initiatives in 2011. Preparatory documents for the 16th WFTU Congress, as well as the Congress itself, will represent important contributions to the tasks we have set for ourselves.



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Summary Report

TUI of Workers in Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries (UITBB)

2006

- Congress of Flemacon (Latin American Federation of Construction and Wood Workers Unions) in Bogota in June; new Constitution, new leadership
- 4th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Tokyo, 10 – 12 March 2006
- European meeting, 22- 25 April 2006 in Copenhagen
- 14th UITBB Conference/Congress 2006 in Athens

2007

- 5th Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Manila, Philippines, 22- 24 February 2007
- 28 September 2007, Day of Protest against exploitation of guest labour
- Meeting of African affiliated Unions in Benin, 24 – 26 September 2007
- Participation in the ILC: Speech of the President at the plenary, meeting with ACTRAV, WFTU Presidential Council, Council of Friends
- Training seminar for militants of building workers unions from LA in Cuba, September 2007
- Participation in founding Congress of CTB – Brazil
- International Seminar on Asbestos, April in Helsinki, Finland
- Meeting of UITBB Interim Womens' Committee, Larnaka, Cyprus
- Participation in the Congress of the General Federation of Syrian Trade Unions, Damascus
- Solidarity activities with South Korean workers of Lafarge, with Sutimac workers at Holcim multinational, with Bangladeshi Unions, with Unions in Pakistan

2008

- 13 – 17 April 2008, 6th Asia-Pacific region Meeting in Christchurch, New-Zealand
- March 2008, participation in WFTU Meeting with ILO Director

general

- 20 March 2008, General Secretary José Dinis participated in a Portuguese-Spanish meeting regarding labour inspection : Social security and eliminating racial discrimination
- 24 – 27 March 2008, General Secretary José Dinis, took part in the Congress of the Spanish Construction Workers' Union FECOMA. Discussions with European trade unions on their participation in UITBB events and activities.
- UITBB support for the secretariat meeting of FLEMACON (Latin-American Federation of Construction, Wood and Building Materials Workers' Unions) as well as for the training seminar for activists of construction workers unions, held in Cuba (May 2008).
- 5-6 July 2008, in Damascus, Syria, organization by the UITBB in cooperation with the Professional Federation of Building Workers of the Syrian Arab Republic of an International Seminar on Building Capacities of Construction Workers' unions in the Private Sector", as well as a Solidarity Meeting with the Palestinian and Syrian people.
- 25 October 2008: UITBB affiliated unions observed a Day of Action for the implementation of international labour standards
- 25 – 26 November 2008, in Canberra, Australia, the UITBB in cooperation with the CFMEU Construction and General Division, hosted the 2nd meeting of the UITBB Women's Committee. An extensive report with proposals to the secretariat was prepared and widely communicated to all affiliated unions.
- 29 June – 2 July 2008, in Seoul, Séan Marshall from the CFMEU represented the UITBB at the ILO World Congress on OHS. He took an active part in the debate

on Asbestos. UITBB is one of the founding members of the Asia Asbestos Ban Network.

- 9 – 13 February 2008, in Lisbon, Portugal, General Secretary José Dinis took part as representative of the WFTU in the ILO regional meeting for Europe on the following topics: Political response to the economic crisis, for decent work in Europe and Asia.
- 3 – 7 November 2008, UITBB President John Sutton took part on behalf of the UITBB in the 4th World Urban Forum in Nanjing, China (UN-HABITAT).
- The UITBB with the assistance of APHEDA (Australia) and the CFMEU held a training seminar for construction workers in Vietnam.
- in 2008 the UITBB Secretariat published 3 editions of the UITBB newsletter in 4 languages. The newsletter carried detailed information, reports on UITBB activities, interviews with trade-unionists, solidarity statements.
- The Secretariat has deployed major efforts to improve the website which has become a central tool of information and communication with the members and the broader public.
- In November 2008, General Secretary José Dinis, participated in meetings with Transport TUI to prepare for the WFTU International Conference to be held in December 2008 in Lisbon.
- 2 – 12 December 2008, General Secretary José Dinis, took part in the official WFTU delegation visiting China.
- 15 – 16 December 2008, in Lisbon, Portugal: General Secretary José Dinis participated in the International Conference on Globalization and its Consequences on Workers, organised by the WFTU. This conference was the beginning of a series of conferences held on other continents.

2009

- 12 – 13 January 2009, in Paris, France, Meeting of the Secretariat at the headquarters of the Paris Construction Workers Union. Meeting with Freddy Huck, President of the TUI Agriculture.
- 14 – 16 March 2009, in Bali, Indonesia, the UITBB in cooperation with FKUI-Indonesia hosted the 7th meeting of the seminar process of construction workers' unions in the Asia-Pacific region. Key issues on the agenda: OHS and labour migration.
- 4 – 5 March 2009, in Puerto de la Cruz, Canary Islands (Spain), the Central organization of Canary Islands Intersindical Canarias hosted the 3rd UITBB regional meeting for European construction and wood workers' unions. Main topics: the global economic crisis and its consequences for our industries, EU policies, solidarity with Palestine.
- 1 – 8 April, UITBB affiliates, e.g. FEVVICOM in Portugal, participated in the International Action Day, organised by the WFTU.
- 12 – 16 May 2009, SYNIBABCOM from Mali hosted in Bamako an International UITBB-ILO seminar on Social Protection and OHS in the construction and wood industries.
- June 2009, in Geneva: Marina Stavrinou from the Cyprus Construction Workers' Union represented the UITBB at the discussion on equal opportunities during the International Labour Conference. A report was produced and sent to all affiliated unions.
- 25-26 July 2009, in Hanoi, Vietnam, President John Sutton participated in the International Conference and other events organized on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the VGCL.
- 18 September 2009, in Athens, Secretariat member Yannis Pasoulas represented the UITBB in the 8th Annual Conference of the EUROF WFTU.
- 15 – 17 October 2009 in Larnaka, Cyprus, the UITBB in cooperation with the Cyprus Construction Workers' Union organised a training seminar on Collective bargaining for activists of construction

workers unions from the Middle-east region.

- 5 - 6 November, in Prague, Karin Pedersen from Denmark represented the UITBB in the 1st Congress of the EUROFFICE for Working Women.
- 23 November 2009, Athens, Greece, General Secretary José Dinis participated in WFTU-TUI joint meeting to discuss the development and strengthening of TUI's.
- 4 May 2009, in Puerto de la Cruz, on the eve of the European meeting, meeting of the secretaria.
- 2 June 2009, General Secretary José Dinis, participated in an action denouncing the "Return" EU Directive targeting migrant workers.
- December 2009: UITBB Executive Committee Meeting in Tokyo and celebration of the 60th anniversary of the UITBB

2010

- March 12 – 13, 2010, UITBB Secretariat meeting in Helsinki. Meeting with Helsinki Carpenters Union
- 8 March 2010, UITBB affiliated unions observed International Day for women's rights
- 1 May 2010, General Secretary José Dinis represents WFTU at 1st May celebrations in Havana
- 16 – 21 May, Meeting of the UITBB Women's Committee in Bamako, Mali
- June 2010, José Dinis participated in ILC, WFTU Presidential Council
- Participation of Secretary Antonio Lopes in Congress of Construction Workers' Union in Peru
- 7 September 2010, participation of UITBB affiliated unions in WFTU International Day of Action
- 18-22 September, Secretariat meeting in Damascus, Syria
- 17 – 18 September, participation of Executive Committee member Juan Melón in PAME Conference in Greece
- 1-2 October 2010, UITBB secretariat participates in 9 Eurooffice Conference in Rome

The UITBB Secretariat has regularly published its newsletter in 4

languages (2-3 editions per year), developed the website (www.uitbb.org), expressed solidarity with and support for numerous activities organised by affiliated unions, TUI's and the WFTU, sent messages, organised solidarity campaigns (e.g. around the case of Arc Tribe, the imprisonment of Murad Akincilar, the killing and persecutions of trade unionists in Colombia and Pakistan, against forced and child labour, for the liberation of the Cuban Five, in support of the Palestinian people, in particular against the Gaza blockade, in solidarity with Arab people and their demand to recover all their occupied lands, etc.



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Summary Report

TUI of Workers in Energy

In September 2006, the Secretariat of the TUI Metal decided to reorganize into two different TUIs - TUI (Energy) and TUI (Metal) in order to address the organizational need in the Energy sector.

The TUI (Energy) came into the present structure of existence at a three-day conference of the Trade Unions in entire energy sector held in Mexico City on 26-28 September 2007. Different branches of the energy sector - Electricity (thermal, hydro, nuclear), Oil & Gas, Coal Mining, Water etc were represented in the conference. More than 225 delegates representing around 40 countries from the continents of Asia, Africa, America and Europe participated in the conference. The deliberations of the conference had been very rich politically. Voice of struggles of the working class in energy sector in different parts of the world reverberated in the speeches of the delegates particularly from the countries of Latin America. The speakers came out strongly against the policies of imperialist globalisation and World Bank and International Monetary Fund prescribed neo-liberal economic policies. Condemnation of the US administration for its dirty game of establishing political hegemony all over the world by applying all foul and barbarian means against the people and the developing nation states were sharply focused in the discussion. The draft Report which was placed by the Secretariat truly reflected the fighting spirit and picture of the working class movement with a clear commitment in the doctrine of Class Struggle. It had dealt with the offensive of capital against labour under the policies of neo-liberalism and the aggression of de-ideologization.

While unambiguously reiterating the need for intense class struggles, the conference had stressed the need for exposing the reformist trade unions which collaborate with the capitalist class. Underlying the need for conducting the fight to change the Governments pursuing anti-labour and anti-people policies it noted, "basic change in policies cannot be realised while power is in the hands of the reactionary forces and therefore there is need to conduct long drawn struggles to remove the reactionary forces from the government of the nation states."

At the end of the full two-day deliberations with contributions from 77 delegates, the report was adopted unanimously by the conference. The concluding call of the conference was to carry forward united struggles of the workers of the energy sector.

Now immediately after the Mexico conference the parent organization of the General Secretary of TUI (Energy) - Electricity Workers Union of Mexico (Sindicato Mexicano de

Electricistas) - came under fatal attack from the Government of Mexico. The Government of Mexico drew design to privatize the electricity industry. Our union launched militant battle to defeat the game plan of privatisation. It was a very long drawn battle. It must be mentioned that the electricity workers of Mexico fought heroically. Ultimately the Mexican Government deployed military force which took control of the industry. Military forces were deployed in the electricity plants and installations. Mass scale dismissal of workers was imposed. Barbarian repression on the leadership was let loose by the Government. Two of the Office Bearers of TUI (Energy) Comrade Martin Esparza Flores, General Secretary and Comrade Fernando Amezcua Castillo, Organising Secretary who were leading the Mexican electricity workers struggles have been the major victims. At the initiative of WFTU headquarters an international solidarity meeting of electricity workers was organized at Mexico and extended moral support to



International Solidarity Conference, Mexico, 2008

the fighting Mexican electricity workers. Comrade valentine Pacheco, Dy.General Secretary of WFTU was present and guided the solidarity meeting. Unfortunately the situation could not be saved. Now this unfortunate development has seriously effected the functioning of the TUI (Energy). In fact the Secretariat of the TUI could not function at all after the Mexico conference. Some regional activities took place in a very limited scale. The Latin American Unions had some regional activities. The regional meets of the sector took place. Also in the sidelines of some international conferences some of the Office Bearers of the TUI met. The General Secretary of the TUI attended the ILC in 2008 and addressed the main plenary session, where the President was also present. Both the President and the General Secretary attended the conference of the French Chemical Workers Federation (FNIC) in the year 2007 at Paris. In the conference of the Southern Initiative Against Globalisation and Trade Rights (SIGTUR) held in India in 2008 the President and the Organising Secretary represented the TUI (Energy). Also the TUI (Energy) was represented in the meetings of the Presidential Council of WFTU. A post conference colourful publication was circulated in the last Presidential Council meeting of WFTU at Vietnam. The President of TUI (Energy) presented a paper as one of the panelists in the International Seminar organized jointly by WFTU and ACFTU at Beijing in 2010 and attended by delegates from around eighty countries. This has been a very effective and prestigious organizational initiative of WFTU. The President of TUI (Energy) visited Libya in February 2009 and attended a meeting of the independent trade unions in Oil Sector from Arab and African countries. In order to establish bilateral relations between these unions and the TUI (Energy) certain tactical initial steps were identified. A visit to Latin American countries by a trade union delegation consisting of leaders of African oil trade unions including the General

Secretary of the Confederation of African Oil & Gas Workers Trade Unions and the President of TUI (Energy) was planned with the purpose to explore to expand the organizational net work of our TUI (Energy). Unfortunately due to the absence of positive response from any of our trade unions in Latin American countries the proposed visit did not materialise.

The conference of Petroleum & Gas Workers' Federation of India (the President of TUI (Energy) is the General Secretary of the Federation) took place on 11-12 December 2009 at Mumbai, India. Fraternal delegates from Libya, Egypt, Tunisia, France, Bangladesh and China attended the conference. Such occasions provide opportunity to bring independent unions closer to TUI (Energy). We offered to host the Executive Committee meeting of TUI (Energy) in India on that occasion. But necessary response did not come forward from the Secretariat for obvious reason.

In India we had the conference of our Electricity Employees' Federation of India in January 2009.

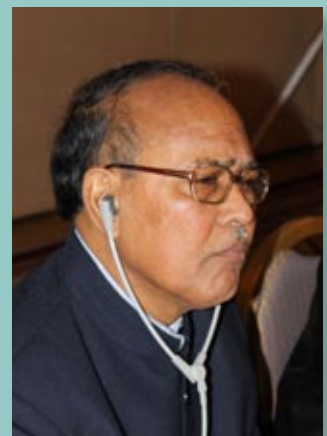
The importance of the energy sector hardly needs any mention. Modern capitalist world cannot be understood without electric energy. And electric energy cannot be understood without the primary energy sources: oil & gas, coal, water and other energy resources. Unfortunately energy sector in the world is controlled by the Transnational Corporations and the world energy policy is guided by the principle of private profit and not the interest of the people. This is the core of the challenge before the trade union movement of energy sector in the world.

Given the current political and economic situation of the world and deepening economic crisis of capitalist system which is having its impact on the energy sector as well, there is urgency to strengthen TUI (Energy) organizationally to intervene into the situation. Now in view of the organizational situation of TUI (Energy) narrated above, it is essential that all necessary steps

are taken at the earliest possible in order to effectively activate the organization. It is imperative that WFTU Secretariat discuss and decide guidance to strengthen the TUI.



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Summary Report

TUI Hotel & Tourism (Hotour)

Our TUI was founded only one year ago. The WFTU estimated that the working people in the Hotels and the Tourism work in a crucial and a constantly developing sector and thus, it decided the founding of a new TUI.

Our founding Congress was held in Athens on December 1-2, 2009. 68 trade unionists from 17 countries of the five continents participated in it. Until these words were written our action was only been twelve months old. The executive committee of our TUI is consisted by the comrades:

President: Nguyen Manh Cuong, VCGL Vietnam

General Secretary: Christos Katsiotis - PAME Greece

Secretariat Members: Success Eniojukan Leke, NUHPSW Nigeria
Brazil

Abdulhamid Elghoul, FENASOL Lebanon

Eleftherios Georgiadis, PEO Cyprus

Vice Presidents: Mr. Ibraheem Abeedo, GFTU Syria

G.R. Shivashankar, TUCC India

Joaquim Pereira Pires, FESAHT Portugal

Augustin Musas Zand, COOSEPP Congo

Rodolfo Jimenez Polanco, CTC Cuba

Hussein Tawil, GUPW Palestine
Financial Committee:

Syed Zia Azam, AFTUTU Pakistan
SWTUF Sudan

Pepa Krasteva, CGSBB Bulgaria

The TUI seats were decided to be in Athens.

The TUI's action for the year 2010 was not satisfactory. We tried

to build, to put the foundations for the organizational structure which delayed us. Another difficulty in our work was that the tourist season lasts from March to September, as well as the holidays which meant that the colleagues who were working were busy all the time.

But the most important difficulty was that the leadership of the TUI focused all its efforts in the massive struggles that were taking place all that time in Greece and in the struggles of the Hotels and Tourism Sector which was on the forefront of the struggle.

We must add that we participated in all the activities of WFTU in which we were called upon:

-The 1st May 2010, with special announcements

-In the International Action Day on 7th September 2010 we shared the announcement of WFTU in 8 big Hotels.

- We participated on the 29th September in the TUI Meeting held in Athens.

- We participated in a Global Dialogue Forum with the ILO held on November 23-24th in Geneva under the subject of the new challenges in the Hotel and Tourism sector and their impact on the employees.

Dear colleagues,

We are not satisfied with this activity. Our sector faces important difficulties. The working people need us. We all need a strong TUI, an active TUI, a militant TUI which will be able to respond to the demands of our times.

We self-criticize our delay in

the year 2010 and we commit ourselves to work hard in the new period and with a concrete plan of work and action.



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Summary Report

TUI of Workers in the Mining, the Metallurgy and the Metal industries (TUI - MMM)

The WFTU's TUI-MMM was established on 20th and 21st May 2008 in the city of Donostia in Euskal Herria (Basque Country), in a founding congress organized by the Basque Trade Union LAB.

It is important to report that the WFTU's TUI-MMM founding congress was conducted in a context of organizational readjustment which the World Trade Union Federation (WFTU) addressed following the resolutions arising from the XV world congress held in Havana. The General Secretariat of the WFTU placed his trust in the Basque Trade Union, LAB for the creation and development of this new sector trade union organization, having defined it as one of the cornerstones in the work of the World Federation of Trade Union itself.

The founding congress of this TUI was attended by thirty-eight Trade Union Organizations from thirty countries, culminating a process of theoretical and organizational discussions open during the month of May 2007. The congress was evaluated positively in terms of international participation, taking into account that more than a dozen trade union organizations were UNABLE to take part in the congress, due to the obstacles encountered on issuing the visas, imposed by the different Spanish embassies in a clear attitude of obstruction and sabotage

towards the International Class-based Trade Union.

In addition to debating and approving the papers presented on the political-trade union action and statutes of the new organization, the participants at the congress had the opportunity to learn in depth about the different socio-labour and political realities affecting the working class elsewhere in the world. The new leadership arising from the founding congress pledged to make every necessary effort in order to start a renewed force of international class-based trade unionism that effectively fights against the degradation of rights and freedoms of the Working Class, being aware that we must vigorously fight the capitalist system and their

transnational companies that now control more than 60% of world trade, and condition with their power and the exercising of their neoliberal policies not only working conditions, but even the very sovereignty of the states.

At the congress the decision was also taken to work for the unity of the class-based labour movement in the sector, meaning that the working class struggle is no stranger to the struggle of the people in the defence of their territories, resources, sovereignty and social rights. The congress unambiguously defined the TUI-MMM as an organizational tool of the WFTU designed to promote and strengthen the ideological rearmament of the workers, implementing direct action from the ongoing struggle for the



European Conference of the TUI MMM, Athens, Greece

defence of the integral rights of the working class in the sector against capitalism and its ruling system.

The TUI-MMM was set up as a branch structure and international in nature, linked closely to the concerns and demands that are put forward and demanded by the working ranks worldwide. Their dynamics are developed from class solidarity that the WFTU advocates and from class-based principles and mutually binding internationalism. In spite of the resources that the TUI-MMM is still lacking at this time, the General Secretariat, with LAB's commitment and support, has been involved in many activities related to the sector in Latin America, Asia and Europe, also currently expecting progress in their relations with organizations on the African continent.

In summary we could highlight some of the activities carried out by the TUI-MMM in nearly three years of its existence:

2008

Founding Congress of the TUI-MMM in the Basque Country (EUSKAL HERRIA)

Participation in the X Congress of the Cuban Metallurgy Trade Union (CUBA)

First Executive Council of the TUI-MMM in Havana (CUBA)

Participation in the WFTU delegation during their visit to CHINA

2009

Participation in the XI Congress of the FNTMMSP mining union in Lima (PERU)

Participation in the III WFTU Presidential Council in Nicosia (CYPRUS)

Conduct a working trip to BRAZIL and CHILE

Participation in the meeting of managers of the TUI in Athens

(GREECE)

Participation in PAME demonstration in Athens (GREECE)

Participation in the International Meeting of Metallurgy workers in BRAZIL

2010

Participation in the meeting with the NUMSA leadership in Athens (GREECE)

Meeting of the Executive Council of the TUI-MMM (Europe) in CYPRUS

Participation in the Latin American Metallurgy Meeting in CUBA.

Participation in the WFTU's IV Presidential Council in VIETNAM

Participation in the International Forum on Economic Globalization and Trade Unions held in Beijing (CHINA)

European Conference of the TUI-MMM in Athens (GREECE)

Participation in the WFTU's 1st May and 65th Anniversary celebrations in Havana (CUBA)

II Executive Council of the TUI-MMM held in Minsk (BELARUS)

Participation in the meeting of managers of the TUI in Athens (GREECE)

In addition to the summary list of the activities carried out during the period 2008-2010, the General Secretariat of the TUI-MMM has written more than 100 letters of solidarity and public manifestos relating to various conflicts that affect our sector.

The TUI-MMM is presented at the WFTU's XVI World Congress, with a self-critical assessment because of the lack of real dimension in the Organization and the lack of involvement of some Members of the Executive Council in the actual dynamics that the TUI work demands.

The open and democratic debate to be conducted at this XVI

World Congress as well as its conclusions and resolutions will surely contribute to improving the functioning and referentiality of the TUI.



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Summary Report

TUI of Transport

What is done since the Re-foundation Congress:

2007

- 10-11 December 2007: Transport TUI 12th Congress, in Belo Horizonte (Brazil), with 81 delegates, from 26 countries. The Congress has elected a new board:

General-Secretary: Wagner Fajardo Pereira (Brazil); President: José Manuel Oliveira (Portugal), General-Secretary Assistant: Savvas Tsimboglou (Greece); Secretaries: Nadjé Abdulk Amir (Libanon), Imonitie O. Utua (Nigeria), V. K. Balakrishnan (India - AITUC); Vice-Presidents: Abdelali Khafi (Morocco), Amer Shokry (Syria), Athos Eleftheriou (Cyprus), Ricardo Maldonado Olivares (Chile), Khuat Minh Tri (Vietnam), a Comrade from Cuba Yagoub Mahmoud Ahmed Tahir (Sudan); President of the Financial Control Committee: Hugo Bosca (Uruguay); Financial Control Committee: Vincent Kapenga Kandolo (Congo) and K. K. Divakaran (India - CITU)

2008

- January: WFTU 2nd Presidential Council Meeting, Sudan: TUI was represented by its General Secretary, Wagner Fajardo
- May: TUI European Meeting, in Cyprus, with the presence of the President, José Manuel

Oliveira, and delegates from Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and Hungary

- June: ILO's Annual Conference: TUI was represented by its General-Secretary, Wagner Fajardo Pereira

- 18-23 September – TUI President, José Manuel Oliveira, visited Greece (Fernando Maurício and Anabela Vogado), to develop contacts with the Maritime and Railway workers, as well as with other 16 organizations from the Athens 'region'. The Portuguese delegation also attended a WFTU Seminar on Migrations.

2009

- 8-9 March: WFTU 3rd Presidential Council Meeting, Cyprus: TUI was represented by its President,

José Manuel Oliveira (Anabela Vogado). The delegations also attended the International Women's Day celebration

- 1st April: WFTU International Day of Action: The Trade Union Movement lead by CGTP-IN as join the WFTU in this action, making 5 Public Tribunes in several parts of the Country; President of TUI participated, along with a British delegation from RMT, in the public tribune that took place in Lisbon

- 25-27th June: European TUI meeting, Lisbon: attended by the TUI President, José Manuel Oliveira, Athos Eleftheriou (Cyprus), Savvas Tsimboglou and Yannis Manousogiannakis, to prepare an European Transport TUI Conference

- 3rd October: 30th Pacyprian



Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of TUI Transport, Athens Greece

Congress SEGDA MELIN/PEO, Cyprus: TUI was represented by its President, José Manuel Oliveira (Anabela Vogado)

- 17th November: European Transport TUI Conference, Lisbon: The Conference was attended by the TUI General-Secretary, Wagner Fajardo, by the TUI President, José Manuel Oliveira and by the following TUI Comrades: Athos Eleftheriou (Cyprus), Kostas Galigallis and Yannis Manousogiannakis (Greece). Eurof/WFTU was represented by the Comrade Xan Carballo.

Other international participants: Nikolay Shukanov (ICWTWU, Russia); Valentin Sirotyuk (MTWU, Russia); Ivan Borovoy (Transport Union, Belarus); Bob Crow, Alex Gordon and Malcom Dunningn (RMT, UK).

Around 25 Portuguese trade unionist were present, namely from the Transport and Communication Trade Union Federation (FECTRANS), from the Road and Urban Transports (STRUC) and from the Railway sector (SNTSF). The Portuguese Workers General Confederation (CGTP-IN) was also represented.

- 23rd November: 1st WFTU/TUIs Meeting, Athens: TUI was represented by its General-Secretary, Wagner Fajardo and for its President, José Manuel Oliveira (Anabela Vogado)

2010

- 20-21 February 4th Presidential Council, Vietnam: TUI was represented by its President, José Manuel Oliveira

- 23-24 February – International Trade Union Forum, China: TUI was represented by its President,

José Manuel Oliveira

- 2nd March – Transport TUI International Day of Action and Struggle under the slogan “United against Exploitation: different initiatives were developed in Cyprus, Greece and Portugal

- 5th March – TUI General Council’s Meeting, Lisbon: with the participation of the General-Secretary, Wagner Fajardo (Brazil); President, José Manuel Oliveira (Portugal); General-Secretary Assistant, Kostas Galigallis (representing Savvas Tsiboglou, Greece); Vice-President, Athos Eleftheriou (Cyprus); Financial Control Committee, Vincent Kapenga; Secretary, Abdul Kareem Motajo (representing Mohamed Dauda Safyanu, Nigeria)

- June – ILO Annual Conference: TUI was represented by the Vice-President Athos Eleftheriou

- 7th September – TUI as joint the WFTU International Day of Struggle, with initiatives in Cyprus, Greece and Portugal

- 7th October – Extraordinary Pancyprrian Congress, Cyprus: to celebrate its 70 years anniversary. TUI was represented by its President, José Manuel Oliveira (Anabela Vogado)

- 12-13 October – International Meeting of FUTAC/TUI: Meeting with the transport workers from Uruguay; TUI was represented by its General-Secretary, Wagner Fajardo, its Vice-President Ricardo Maldonado Olivares and for the President of the Financial Control Committee, Hugo Bosca; the meeting was attended by delegates from Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay

- 30th October – 2nd WFTU/TUIs Meeting, Athens: TUI was represented by its President,

José Manuel Oliveira (Anabela Vogado)

- 1-10 December – a WFTU delegation visit China: TUI was represented in this delegation by its General-Secretary, Wagner Fajardo

- 6-8 December – WFTU hosts a Chinese delegation, Athens: TUI was represented by its President, José Manuel Oliveira.



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Summary Report

TUI of Teachers

/ World Federation of Teachers Union (FISE)

VI Conference of FISE was held at New Delhi in March 2007 a new team of office bearers are elected for the period 2007-11.

XVII Statutory conference of World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE)

XVII Statutory conference of World Federation of Teachers' Unions (FISE) was held at DHAKA, the capital of the peoples republic of Bangladesh, from 26 to 28, December, 2010. It is being hosted by National Academy of Education Management (NAEM), Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh and sponsored by Bangladesh University College Teachers Association (BUCTA) Bangladesh Teachers Association (BTA) and Bangladesh Technical Teachers Association (BTTA) On the eve of the conference an International seminar on "Teaching Profession in the age of Information Communication Technology" is to be held during this period . His Excellency Hon'ble President of the peoples republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Md zillur Rahman has inaugurated the conference on 26th December, 2010. After a gap of about forty years CHINA participated in the conference. a new team of office bearers are elected for the period 2011-15. Teachers Of the World: We have continued regular publication our magazine Teachers Of the World and sending the same to our affiliated and friendly teachers' unions all over the world.

Observance of International Days

of Importance Observance of May day, World Teachers' day, Special Day of science for peace and Development „Day to highlight Abolition of child Labor, Mother tongue day received our special attention.

World teachers day, 5th October is observed as world teachers day. Adoption of the convention of status of teachers in 1966, at a joint meeting of ILO and UNESCO was regarded as a momentous event for the teachers of the world and held as the Magnacarta of unionism among teachers. Celebrating this event 5th October is observed as world teachers day in more than 100 countries. FISE and its constituents have been in the forefront in this celebrations. FISE appeals to all of its affiliates to take all measures to take majority of the population from the trap of poverty by fighting

for improvement daily/hourly wages, remunerative prices for agricultural commodities and free access to quality education & health care.

ILO We have participated in the 97th Session , in 2008, 98th Session , in 2009, 99th Session, in 2010 and intervened in the deliberation and stressed for the improvement of Decent Living Conditions of Workers including Teachers. As country delegations to ILO Meetings are made of Tripartite, (Government, Entrepreneurs, and workers) it is desirable that country delegations should include teacher activists representing mental labour. We are happy to note that a teacher leader, from ETA was included in the country delegation of Ethiopia in the year 2010

UNESCO Meetings



Mobilization on the 2nd International Action Day, Bangladesh

We participated ,in many of the sectarian meetings called by UNESCO to deliberate on Education For All (EFA) ,Millennium Development Goals(MDG), Human Rights, Bio Ethics. We also participated in UNESCO Conference on Inclusive Education held at Geneva in November 2008. FISE could participate in all the conferences .of UNESCO in 2005, 2007, and 2009 FISE participated in WCHE-2009 World Conference on Higher Education, was held in July 2009 after a lapse of almost a decade. The conference could reiterate the importance of HE and resolved to keep it as a 'Social Goods'.

CEART meeting on 28th September,2009 Tenth session of the joint UNESCO/ILO Committee of experts on the application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) was held at UNESCO headquarters on 28th September,2009. FISE participated in it. The meeting was intended to monitor the adherence of (1) UNESCO/ILO Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (1966) (2) Recommendations concerning status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel (1997). FISE expressed with concern the weakening of public funded education system in different parts of the world . FISE desired UNESCO/ILO to act as pressure groups to strengthen public funded education system by attracting and retaining well equipped teachers.

5th Meeting of the Collective Consultation of NGOs on Education For All(EFA) was held at Dhaka in March , 2010. A six member delegation from FISE participated in the meeting.

WFTU We participated in the WFTU delegation to Peoples Republic of China during 3-11, December 2008 at the invitation

of All China Federation of Trade Unions .

We could attend 3rd Presidential Council meeting at Nicosia , Cyprus 7-8 March 2009 and 4th Presidential Council meeting held at HoChiMinh City, Vietnam, 22-23 February,2010. There we could meet TU leaders from Latin America & Africa and discussed about strengthening our relations with teachers unions working in their countries. We also participated in Asia Pacific Regional Meeting of WFTU held at Katmandu Nepal, on 23-24 September 2008, and at Dhaka 21-23 December,2009 for the improvement of Decent Living Conditions of Workers including Teachers in the region.

Meetings of International Trade unions affiliated to WFTU were held at Athens on 22nd November,2009 and 30th October.2010.FISE could participate in both the meetings. World Action Day : WFTU observed World action day on 7th September 2010 through out the world against the price raise , unemployment / underemployment and decrease in decent living conditions for majority of the people in the world. FISE participated in the program.

Plan for next year and activities/ programs to implement with ILO and UNESCO.

FISE Proposes for Seminar on 'The social responsibility of Higher Education' to be held on 18 & 19, December 2011, at Bangladesh or Srilanka or India and or Ethiopia.



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Summary Report

TUI of Public Services & Allied Workers

The TUI held its X World Congress in Johannesburg, South Africa, hosted by its affiliate in the country, NEHAWU. The congress was remarkably successful and adopted good resolutions on international solidarity action. In the period following that congress the TUI vigorously followed its programme of action. Its quarterly publications were coming out timeously, the Directive Committee meetings were taking place according to schedule, participation in the ILO was strengthened and the international day of solidarity action was observed by the majority of the affiliates of the TUI. The existence of the TUI (PAE) in South Africa kick-started a debate on the ideological line of the working class, especially those that are associated with the liberation struggle in the country. More unions began to understand and even gravitate closer to the class oriented thinking within the labour movement.

Generally the period after the X World Congress of the TUI (PAE) can be characterized as the

period of progressive awakening of the workers, especially in the developing countries. The Headquarters of the TUI were located in India and hosted by one of its affiliates. The expenses for running the operations of the TUI were entirely borne by the hosting affiliate and some of the Asian affiliates. One aspect that has stood out prominently as a recurrent problem of the TUI was, and still is finances. Finances remained an outstanding item of agenda in every meeting of the Directive Committee and the TUI has still to find a solution to this problem

In 2008 the TUI (PAE) held its XI World Congress in Brasilia, Brazil. The congress was generally successful. The logistical arrangements were excellent and the committee that was in charge of the preparations had done a good work. Even the attendance to congress was better than in the previous congress. The inputs and interventions to congress were of high quality.

A lot of changes to the constitution of the TUI were effected and were mutually accepted by delegates. The spirits were high and we were



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all looking forward to doubling our efforts in advancing the work of our TUI. Besides the Constitutional amendments the Head Quarters were also going to relocate to Brazil where the new General Secretary also resides. A decision to improve communication within the TUI was also taken.

The post XI World Congress period has been difficult due to contact difficulties and the TUI was not as active as we all wanted to be.

In September 2008 the Directive Committee met in Brazil.

The TUI President participated in the WFTU's IV Presidential Council celebrated in VIETNAM.

The General Secretary Participated in the International Forum on Economic Globalization and Trade Unions held in Beijing (CHINA) and addressed the Forum on behalf of the TUI.

The General Secretary participated in the meeting of TUI leaders with the WFTU Secretariat in Athens (GREECE) in 2009 and the President met with the WFTU Secretariat in November 2010.

We are aware of the difficulties in our TUI and we are committed to get over them. We are optimistic that in the next period the TUI will become more active with a concrete plan of work and

action. Our first initiative right after the 16th World Trade Union Congress will be a meeting of the Directive Committee, probably in Venezuela, to design and approve our strategy and action plan for the future.



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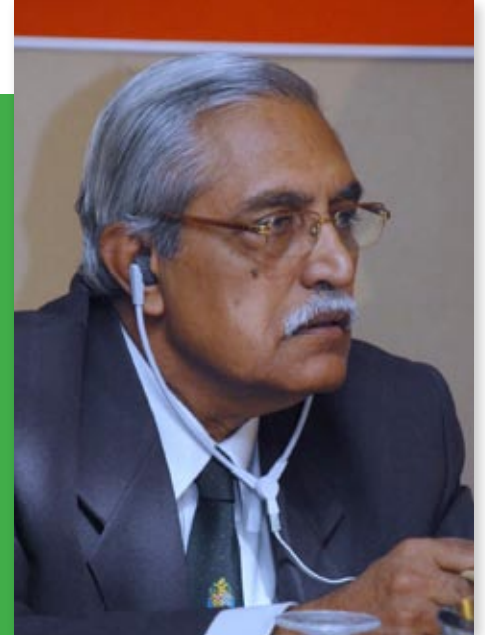
TUI of Banks, Insurance & Financial Unions (BIFU)



WFTU launches TUI BIFU, the Trade Union International of Banks, Insurance & Financial Unions.

An exclusive International Trade Union for the entire Financial Sector. The new forward way under the new course of WFTU. With a successful Inaugural Congress TUI BIFU was founded on 24th & 25th February, 2011 in India, New Delhi.

TUI BIFU was founded to struggle for the workers, their jobs and rights in the financial sector, to build an effective class oriented and militant global union for workers in the financial sector, to develop international fraternity and solidarity amongst trade unions in the financial sector, to develop struggles in defence of workers in the financial sector.



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