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Thank you for your letter dated December 4, 2023, informing us about the initiative of the UN and associated Global Organizations to create a Global Coalition of Social Justice.

Undoubtedly, there is a huge deficit of social justice in a world full of inequality, discrimination, imperialist wars, and exploitation.

The World Federation of Trade Unions since its foundation has been fighting consistently, decisively, with all its strength for decent wages and living conditions, for the reduction of inequalities and discrimination, against social inequality and its root causes. We work enduringly and committedly for a global social alliance of manual and intellectual labourers, peasants, small and medium-sized professionals, and in general all those who suffer the exploitation and injustice reproduced by the dominant social system.

For us, it goes without saying that the WFTU could not possibly belong to the same alliances with the dominant circles of the system, with all those who in one way or another serve them and whose sole aim is to squeeze and shrink the rights and achievements of the many in order to accumulate untold wealth and enormous profits for the very few.

For us, the only realistic prospect of strengthening social justice can only be based on the militant struggles of the workers and their trade unions and the questioning of the dominant economic and social system.

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We believe that in this direction the role of the ILO is to stand by the weak and to support and strengthen the right to organize and collective bargaining, for stable and permanent work regulated by collective agreements, and to protect the sacred right to struggle and strike.

Based on the above principles and values that have oriented the action of the WFTU over time, we will continue to intervene in the framework of our participation in the ILO, and the UN. and other global institutions to support and defend any actions aimed at strengthening social justice, and to resist and fight any efforts that reinforces exploitation and social inequality and leads to further deterioration of workers' interests and the oppressed strata in general.

In this direction WFTU is always at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

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