

Resolution No. 1

SOLIDARITY WITH INDIAN WORKERS' STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI-LABOUR POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT

16th ITUC-AP Regional General Council Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan (ROC) on 12 - 13 November 2018:

EXPRESSES serious concern at the increasing incidence of violation of fundamental rights of workers in India;

CONDEMNS the Government of India for attacking workers rights and failing to protect their own people;

RECALLS previous resolution condemning the decision of the Government of withholding participation of the largest trade union centre in the country, the ITUC-AP affiliated INTUC, in various tripartite bodies Including international fora like ILO on some frivolous charges like imaginary court cases;

NOTES the 3-day demonstration by Indian trade unions in November 2017 in front of the Parliament after more than three months of countrywide campaign against the onslaughts of the government against working people and the trade unions, against hard won labour rights, anti-labour and pro-employer codification of labour laws and violations of existing labour laws and ILO Conventions;

FURTHER NOTES that the 3-day agitation was followed by country wide agitations throughout the land;

EXPRESSES deep concern at the government move to amalgamate 44 Central labour legislations in 4 labour codes which are now in various stages in the Parliament;

COMMENDS the unity and the struggle of the trade unions for restoration of fundamental freedoms for workers in India and support the proposed strikes in January regionally and globally with:

- A mission of solidarity from the ITUC and the ITUC-AP to support the planned January strikes;
- The first of many global days of action with demonstrations outside Indian embassies/missions, letters of protest and a social media campaign demanding that the Indian unions be heard and the Government changes its position; and
- A plan of action to ensure that the major Indian trading partners including the MNEs from those countries understand that the ITUC and the ITUC-AP will work at every level until the Government of India negotiates with trade unions.