

Resolution on No. 3

RESPECT TRIPARTISM IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ILO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

16th ITUC-AP Regional General Council meeting in Taipei, Taiwan on 12 - 13 November 2018:

- NOTING** with great concern the increasing number of reports by the affiliates about the ILO's programmes and activities of engaging with NGOs in the Asia and the Pacific region;
- RECALLING** the many cases of ILO projects directly working with NGOs on issues relating to workers and that these engagements were done despite the requests by unions not to do so and without consultations, for example the ILO migration projects in Malaysia;
- REAFFIRMING** that the ILO's engagement with NGOs done without consultation with unions was seriously undermining the ILO's core values and respect of tripartism, undermining the work of unions as some of these ILO supported activities had placed unions in direct competition with NGOs; and on many occasions, resources that should be allocated to unions were diverted to NGOs;
- RECOGNISING** that such action by the ILO projects and programmes were in direct conflict with ILO policy on tripartism and social dialogue;
- RECALLING** the ILO resolution concerning tripartism and social dialogue adopted at the 90th Session of the International Labour Conference in 2002;
- EMPHASISING** "that the social partners are open to dialogue and that they work in the field with NGOs that share the same values and objectives and pursue them in a constructive manner; recognising the potential for the International Labour Office to collaborate with civil society following appropriate consultations with the tripartite constituents";
- FURTHER RECALLING** that the resolution called on the ILO to "ensure that the tripartite constituents will be consulted as appropriate in the selection of and relationships with other civil society organizations with which the International Labour Organization might work".
- CALLS ON** the General Secretary of the ITUC AP to:
- Raise the concerns expressed by the affiliates to the ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific and the Director of ACTRAV, requesting that the ILO Country Office, ILO programmes and projects should immediately stop such engagements with NGOs and if necessary, they should consult with relevant national trade union centres;
 - Remind the ACTRAV that its Specialists should pay special attention to monitor this matter and work with unions in order that projects and programmes respect tripartism; and
 - Request the Secretary of the Workers' Group to take up the matter

| with the Director-General and the Governing Body of the ILO.