

## Joint Statement

### on the Launching of the “12 by 12” Ratification Campaign of the ILO Convention No. 189 and Promotion of the Recommendation No. 201.

The General Council of the ITUC AP and the International Domestic Workers Network,

**WELCOMING** the adoption of the ILO Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 201 at the 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva on 16 June 2011, recognising domestic workers are workers and therefore should be afforded the rights and protection same as the other workers;

**NOTING** that Asia is the home to millions of domestic workers, many of them are migrants, lack protection of basic workers’ and human rights and social protection;

**FURTHER NOTING** that in the region, domestic workers are largely unorganized rendering them defenseless and vulnerable;

**APPRECIATING** the joint effort and support of the ILO and other civil society organizations in holding the ITUC/ITUC-AP/IDWN 2011 Asia Regional Conference: “Advocacy towards the Ratification and Implementation of ILO Convention No. 189 and Recommendation No. 201 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers”, in Manila on 24 - 26 October 2011, affirming the joint commitment to campaign for the ratification and implementation of the Convention No. 189 and promotion of Recommendation No. 201 through coordinated national actions; and

**RECOGNISING** that the same commitment at the national level has been witnessed as increasing number of trade unions and domestic workers organisations are working collaboratively in organising and campaigning for the ratification of the Convention No. 189 as well as legislation to ensure decent work for domestic workers;

**RESOLVES** to jointly conduct the ITUC “12 by 12” Plan of Action in the region and support national organising and campaigning activities.

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