

Resolution No. 3

ILO Recommendation No. 202 on Social Protection Floors

The 9th ITUC-AP General Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 25 - 26 November 2013:

- OBSERVING** that 1.4 billion people live on less than USD 1.25 a day (World Bank); 2.6 billion people, 38% of global population, do not have access to adequate sanitation (UN-HABIYTAT); 925 million suffer from chronic hunger (FAO); nearly 9 million children under the age of five die every year from largely preventable diseases (UNICEF/WHO); and 5.1 billion people, 75% of the global population, are not covered by adequate social security;
- NOTING, IN PARTICULAR,** that despite continued economic growth in the Asia and Pacific region for the last two decades, still 2/3 of the world's poor resides in widening income inequality and social protection systems unresponsive to their needs;
- DISMAYED** that social security is insufficient in most countries in the region due to institutional deficits, the absence of strong political will for fiscal mobilisation, and economic environments biased against employment and decent wages;
- WELCOMES** the adoption of ILO Recommendation No. 202 on Social Protection Floors in June 2012, defining social protection floors as sets of basic social security guarantees, including universal access to essential services and social transfer, aimed at preventing or alleviating poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion;
- AGREES WITH EMPHASIS** that it is the overall and primary responsibility of the State to give effect to the Recommendation applying the following, among other, principles: universality of protection, based on social solidarity; adequacy and predictability of benefits; non-discrimination, gender equality and responsiveness to special needs; social inclusion, including of persons in the informal economy; respect for the rights and dignity of people covered by the social security guarantees; high-quality public services that enhance the delivery of social security systems; full respect for collective bargaining and freedom of association for all workers; and tripartite participation with representative organisations of employers and workers, as well as consultation with other relevant and representative organisations of persons concerned;
- EMPHASISES FURTHER** that formulating, implementing and monitoring national social protection floors and other social security extension strategies should be based on national consultations through effective social dialogue and social participation, especially through the tripartite mechanism;

RECALLS

that the ITUC-AP has been carrying out various activities of its strategic campaign for 'Social Safety Nets', at regional and national levels, based on social security schemes of ILO Convention No. 102, ILO Recommendation No. 202, as well as social assistance, social welfare programmes and development;

URGES

the IFIs (World Bank, IMF, ADB) to include establishment and improvement of minimum social protection floors in their policy consultation with member states; and

**CALLS ON
AFFILIATES**

as part of the ITUC-AP Campaign for Social Safety Nets, to initiate and advance consultation with national social partners to establish national policies on their own social protection floors in the following areas:

1. Establishing national social protection floors comprising basic social security guarantees and regular income supplement to all by improving national legislation, policies, guidelines, etc.;
2. Formulating and implementing national social security programmes, coordinated with policy objectives and other public policies including quality public services; and
3. Establishing a framework for a tripartite participation to monitor progress in implementing social protection floors and other objectives of national social security extension strategies.