

## **Resolution No. 8**

### **Philippines Supporting Long Term Rehabilitation Assistance for Workers and Families Affected by Typhoon Haiyan**

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

- EXPRESSING** deep sympathy and support to the people of Philippines for the terrible loss of lives and massive destruction affecting more than 11 million people in 42 provinces, and heavy damage to property, infrastructure, production and agriculture as a result of the super Typhoon Haiyan (a.k.a. Yolanda in Philippines);
- NOTING WITH GRIEF** that workers in many sectors and their families perished and are among those gravely affected by the catastrophe with their houses, property and livelihood wiped out;
- COMMENDING** the prompt and massive response, immediate humanitarian and relief assistance of all kinds, from the national and the international community, governments, civil society, the private sector and the public, around the world;
- WELCOMES** the on-going relief, rescue and recovery efforts of government agencies, organisations, institutions and individuals, and progress in meeting people's basic needs;
- BEARING IN MIND** the importance of continued assistance to affected communities, and their people, particularly the most vulnerable groups, to recover from the traumatic effects of the catastrophe;
- EMPHASISES** the need to support and build basic protection for an estimated 3.2 million affected women, 4.6 million children, and other vulnerable groups, against greater risk of sexual and gender-based violence, human trafficking, neglect, abuse and exploitation in crowded evacuation and communal shelters;
- URGES** the ITUC, the ITUC-AP and all affiliates to continue to support the affected people to come out of this tragic situation; and
- APPEALS** to the ILO to support for long term recovery, rebuilding and rehabilitation, giving priority to accelerating the provision of sustainable employment and livelihood to affected workers, their families and communities.