

Resolution No. 9

Bangladesh Rana Plaza Calamity

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

- PROFOUND REGRET** at the massive loss of workers lives in the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh;
- DEEPLY CONCERNED** that this tragedy happened because of the callous attitude of the management and authorities towards workers' safety and denial of trade union rights;
- RECALLS** that industrial accidents causing deaths of large number of workers occur in Bangladesh with frightening frequency;
- DEMANDS** the payment of adequate compensation to the victims' families immediately;
- URGES** all buyers to adhere to the agreement to ensure international standards on health and safety, worker-friendly environment, decent work and effective exercise of right to organise and bargain collectively;
- URGES GOVERNMENT** to implement safety standards and trade union rights including in EPZs; and
- ALSO URGES THE ITUC-AP**
1. to work closely with the GUFs on this matter; and
 2. to monitor the progress and report to the Regional General Council.