

## **Resolution No. 1**

### **SUPPRESSION OF WORKERS' RIGHTS IN INDONESIA**

The 14<sup>th</sup> ITUC-AP Regional General Council Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal, 15 - 16 December 2016:

- IS CONCERNED** at the increasing incidence of anti-union violence let loose by the police or with the acquiescence of police; public demonstrations and strikes are being suppressed and trade union activity being criminalised;
- DEPLORES** the government attitude of criminalising trade union activities and especially on actions on an issue so central as minimum wage setting;
- CONDEMNS** the police action against Said Iqbal, KSPI President and ILO Governing Body Member, by issuing summons to appear before the Jakarta regional Police and asking him to be standby waiting for police summons which is a clear case of harassment and intimidation thus preventing him from his participation in this important meeting here;
- RECALLS** that the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association has held that the rights of workers and employers organisations can only be exercised in a climate that is free from violence, pressure or threats of any kind against the leaders and members of these organisations and it is for governments to ensure that this principle is respected;
- DEPLORES** the government attitude of criminalising trade union activities and especially on actions on an issue so central as minimum wage setting;
- REGRETS** that no action was taken and indeed the repression has only continued;
- URGES ON** Indonesian authorities to immediately stop actions of criminalising legitimate trade union activities and taking action against union activists;
- DEMANDS** withdrawal of all charges against Said Iqbal and other union activists;
- APPEALS TO** the Indonesian government to initiate dialogue with the trade unions on all pending issues including minimum wages; and
- URGES ON** the ILO to urgently intervene and advise the government that no criminal charges should be issued against anybody participating in peaceful protest action including strike on legitimate workers' demands.