

Resolution No. 2

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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

- CONDEMNS** the conviction and the 3 years' imprisonment sentence against the KCTU President Han Sang-gyun. This ruling by the Seoul High Court is a clear violation of the right to freedom of assembly and association. Any criminal sanction against trade unionist for their activity is totally unacceptable. President Han and all the detained workers should be unconditionally and immediately released.
- EXTENDS FIRM SOLIDARITY** for the persistence and strong struggle of the workers in Korea against their corrupt and anti-union government.
- APPALLED** to know that the Korean Transnational Corporations have been deeply involved in the corruption scandal committed by the current regime and believes that they should be held accountable. Especially Samsung and other Chaebols are operating in many countries in the region and violate fundamental rights of workers in their supply chains and even infringe the domestic laws. Their power is hardly tamed domestically and this harms peoples' and workers' rights and lives at global level.
- CALLS UPON** the Government of Korea to immediately stop the regressive labour reform and to abolish the administrative guidelines including the introduction of performance based payment and dismissal system.