

### **Resolution No. 3**

#### **REPUBLIC OF KOREA RATIFICATION OF FUNDAMENTAL CONVENTIONS WITHOUT REGRESSION**

The 17<sup>th</sup> ITUC-AP Regional General Council Meeting in Nadi, Fiji, 31 July - 1 August 2019:

**TAKES NOTE** that the government of Republic of Korea initiated the official process for the ratification of 3 of outstanding ILO fundamental conventions, namely C87, C98 and C29, aiming to submit a motion for the ratification at the upcoming regular session of the National Assembly;

**EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERNS** at the same time, that the government made it clear this process will be combined with a retrogressive revision of the existing legislation, reflecting the unacceptable demands from the employers' organizations to put further restriction on the exercise of right to bargain collectively and right to strike, in exchange for the ratification itself;

**REITERATES** that the Government of Korea has already an obligation arising out of the very fact of membership of the ILO to respect, promote and realize the principles, including the freedom of association, concerning the fundamental principles and rights at work according to the ILO 1998 Declaration. At the same time, all the member countries of the ILO in the Asia Pacific region defined the ratification and application of the ILO conventions 87 and 98 as a top priority in Bali Declaration adopted in December 2016 at the 16th Regional Meeting;

**URGES** the government to promptly complete the necessary procedure for the ratification of the ILO fundamental conventions and to withdraw the proposed revision bill which further restrict trade union rights, recalling the principle of non-regression under Article 19.8 of the ILO Constitution;

**CALLS UPON** the National Assembly to pass the ratification without imposing any conditions. The revision of the TULRAA should be made only for the purpose of the full implementation of the conventions based on the recommendations by the ILO CFA, not for deterioration of existing law.