

### **Resolution No. 3**

#### **ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IN NEPAL**

The 13<sup>th</sup> ITUC-AP Regional General Council in Singapore on 24 - 25 October 2015:

#### **EXPRESSES**

deep concern over the un-declared blockade at the Nepal-India border. The five-week long blockade has led to shortage of the essential supplies including medicines, fuel and gasoline and serious negative impact on the landlocked country. It has particularly worsened the plight of the working families in Nepal which are yet to recover from the devastating earthquake of April 2015;

#### **NOTES**

the reported loss of hundreds of thousands jobs, large number of business closures and increasing frustration of the general public with the blockade supported by the regional political parties in the country;

#### **RECALLS**

that the ITUC-AP had congratulated the people of Nepal and our affiliates for the adoption of the new constitution by the Constituent Assembly on 20 September 2015 to end the decade-long constitutional deadlock;

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that the autonomy of the people and government of Nepal to decide their constitution and democratic system should be recognised and respected;

#### **APPEALS**

to the Indian government to support the constitution process in Nepal and create the necessary conditions by ensuring that the regular supply of the essentials and goods, and the everyday life of the people in Nepal are back to normal by keeping the border trade open.

#### **REITERATES**

its support to our affiliates and the workers of Nepal in their struggle for restoring the democratic process.