

## **Resolution No. 5**

### **PAKISTAN**

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

- NOTES** the decision of the High Court of Balochistan (a province of Pakistan), C.P. No. 669 of 2013 and C.P. No. 400 of 2015, banning union existence in civil service of Balochistan. The Court decision is based on certain anomalies of the labour laws of the province where civil service and its connected departments have been excluded from right of unionism and collective bargaining;
- DEPLORES** that the Provincial Labour Department of Balochistan simultaneously has while crossing the limitation and jurisdiction given by the High Court decision, ultimately cancelled 62 unions not only of civil service but of semi-Governments and non-governmental institutions. The union movement in Balochistan has only been left to unionise in mines and industrial sectors;
- RECALLS** that Pakistan has ratified ILO Conventions 87 and 98 on Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining. Pakistan is also beneficiary of GSP Plus by European Union with the condition that the basic fundamental conventions of 87 and 98 will be honored. Pakistan is also beneficiary of IMF, World Bank and Asian Development Bank grants and packages where right to organise and collective bargaining cannot be denied;
- DEMANDS** that Governments of Pakistan and Balochistan should immediately amend the related labour laws of Balochistan particularly the definitions of establishment, industry and workmen so that they conform with the provisions of ILO conventions 87 and 98 ratified by Pakistan and anomalies, deficiencies and defects identified by Balochistan High Court are removed and unions are accordingly restored;
- EXTENDS FULL SUPPORT TO** the legitimate existence of 62 unions of Balochistan in Pakistan;
- DECIDES**
- (a) to request all affiliates to send protest letters to the Government of Balochistan in Pakistan;
  - (b) to invoke further the ILO supervisory mechanism on the complaint against Government of Pakistan with emphasis on ban of ILO technical assistance in the province of Balochistan; and
  - (c) to lodge complaint against Government of Pakistan with IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Union particularly on GSP status of Pakistan.