

## Resolution No. 7

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

**NOTED** that the ITUC affiliation fees bands are fixed based on the GNI per capita, although the GNI does not always reflect actual incomes of members in developing countries with difficulties in collecting union dues especially from low paid members such as informal economy; and

that because of the shift to upper bands will inevitably lead to the corresponding reduction in the registered membership, which would be against the ITUC priorities adopted at its 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress (2014) under the slogan "Building Workers' Power."

**NOTED** that the Joint Exchange Rate Fund does not cover the exchange variations on the side of the regional organisations; for instance, the 4% increase in the General Fund contribution to the ITUC-AP in Euro is converted to only 0.4% increase in Singapore dollars, although such a gap must be totally covered by the Fund; and

that the allocation of the General Fund Contribution from the ITUC to the ITUC-AP currently stands at 4.8% against the total amount of the ITUC General Fund and fallen to the level of 2002 - 2003 in Singapore dollars while the region organisations play important roles to implement priorities set by the ITUC;

#### **DEMANDS ON THE ITUC**

- (i) to monitor the function of the Fund and to consider alteration of the operational rules of the Fund so that the ITUC and the regional organisations can equally share difficulties inevitably arising from exchange variation;
- (ii) to consider a mechanism of affiliation fees to reflect the realities of affiliates especially in developing countries; and
- (iii) to review the percentages of the General Fund allocations from the ITUC to the regional organisations.