

Resolution No.13
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Conference stresses that social dialogue is the essential part of Decent Work Agenda. Social partnership and dialogue are fundamental components towards decent work which is the main tenet of the ILO Convention No. 144 (Tripartite Consultation, 1976).

Social partnership or constructive industrial relations, evolves on the basis of the recognition of trade unions. With free, independent and democratic trade unions, such social partnership will grow with mutual trust and respect as important co-contributors sharing equitably the outcome of joint efforts. Social justice is thus achieved.

The Conference recognises that Corporate Social Responsibility cannot replace or substitute for the role of trade unions, but can play a complementary role within a satisfactory framework of the full exercise of trade union rights.

The Conference commits the ITUC-AP, working with affiliates and the GUFs to:

- promote ratification of the ILO Convention No. 144 concerning Tripartite Consultation to Promote the Implementation of International Labour Standards as part of our efforts in striving for genuine and effective practice of bipartism and tripartism;
- support affiliates in setting up effective dispute settlement mechanisms;
- further explore possibilities of establishing an Asian and Pacific Industrial Relations Research Institute;
- continue engagements with the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE) at all levels, IFIs as well as regional trade ;and
- insist on corporate and institutional respect for and adherence to core labour standards and the ILO Decent Work agenda, and the precepts of Corporate Social Responsibility in word and deed.