

Resolution No. 15

PEACE AND DISARMAMENT FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Peace - grounded on respect for national sovereignty, human freedoms, collective security and disarmament – is the essential platform for sustainable economic growth and social justice. Without peace, there could be no development and without development, peace is not sustainable. And peace is an essential prerequisite to realise our trade union goals, social development, poverty eradication and employment creation.

The Conference expresses grave concern about continued armed conflicts in the region, leaving appalling toll of death, injury and disease. The Conference also condemns terrorism in all its forms and under whatever pretext, as well as the policies of ‘preventive war’ and ‘selective assassination’ defended and practiced by certain states. All too frequently, this is exploited by those who supply weapons to or otherwise seek to profit from countries in satiation of conflict.

The roles of the U.N. and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are important to secure and to promote peaceful usage of nuclear energy for national development, especially in developing countries.

Conference recognizes the importance of nuclear energy; however the Conference expresses grave concern about the recent Fukushima Daiichi plant crisis in Japan that proved that the human beings cannot fully control the nuclear power. While nuclear energy is already in use, there should be a transition period to phase out the use of such energy that would also narrow the possible avenue to misuse of atomic energy. The Conference urges the international community to intensify investment on greener energy toward sustainable economic and social development.

The recent build-up of conventional arms in the region reflects hegemonic movement of superpowers in the region. Such move has given fiscal pressure on governments in the region, though defensive purposes.

The Conference therefore reaffirms the ITUC-AP’s commitment in achieving a peaceful, democratic, secure and stable world, where all countries coexist in mutual respect and tolerance, free from the threats of armed conflict, terrorism or other forms of violence or occupation.

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

- advance global union policy, together with the Socialist International, on peace and disarmament for national development in the region, to achieve a peaceful, democratic, secure and stable world where people are free from threat of armed conflict, terrorism or other forms of violence and occupation;
- promote effective international regulation of the production and trading of arms; the non-proliferation of all armaments including nuclear weapons; the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction;
- support a stronger United Nations and a more democratic Security Council, to more effectively advance nuclear and conventional disarmament and intervene in potential or arisen conflicts and disputes;
- further urge governments not to use “Action against Terrorism” as an instrument to curtail or block the exercise of the fundamental trade union rights;

- Urge governments to apply stringent safety measures while resorting to nuclear energy; and
- Promote use of green energy.