

RESOLUTION No.5

Climate Change

The Second Regional General Council of the International Trade Union Confederation – Asia Pacific held in Bangkok from 4 – 6 November 2008:

- EXPRESSES** deep concern about the impacts of climate change if no action is taken to arrest global warming as compelling scientific evidence from the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) showed. Dire consequences such as rise in mean sea level causing major flooding of low-lying areas; extreme weather occurrences; food and water scarcity; biological and human health problems; and adverse biodiversity impacts will occur. The poor, elderly and women will be the main victims of such consequences;
- WELCOMES** the Bali Action Plan or Bali Roadmap launched by the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Bali in December 2007 and the efforts thereafter to work out a post Kyoto Protocol framework to climax in 2010 at COP 15 to be held in Copenhagen, especially its decision to widen the coverage of a new protocol to all nations and its strong advocacy of mitigation and adaptation policies;
- CALLS FOR** sincere efforts to meet commitments by industrialized countries (Annex 1 Parties of the Kyoto Protocol) to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) by an average of 5.2% from 1990 level for the first commitment period of 2008 – 2012;
- FURTHER CALLS FOR** the post 2012 Kyoto Protocol to limit the increase of global average temperature to not more than 2 degree Celsius by establishing a sustainable emissions reduction regime of 15–40% below 1990 level by 2020 and by 85% by 2050 with commitments of reduction by Annex 1 Parties and the contributions of developing countries in reducing global warming;
- SUPPORTS** G8's consensus 2008 setting the goal of achieving at least 50% reduction of global emissions by 2050 and various mechanisms to reduce GHGs emission such as emissions trading and clean development mechanism;
- EXPRESSES** its firm commitment to contribute, through tripartite dialogues and engagements with regional and global institutions, to make a low-carbon world a reality;
- DEMANDS FOR** the removal of restrictions and hindrances to technology innovation and technology transfers so as to remove any disadvantage or bias against developing countries from

benefiting from any change in the pattern of production and consumption in the evolution of a green industrial revolution and societal transformation in the adaptation and mitigation processes in tackling climate change issues;

ADVOCATES

the massive creation of green jobs where decent work is the centrality of such jobs to tackle the issue of global warming and poverty, and transfer of employment to such green jobs seamlessly;

CALLS UPON

all affiliates to urge their governments and employers organisations to tackle global warming issues;

URGES ON

ITUC-AP to support national actions for raising awareness on climate change, its implications, and appropriate trade union action.