

RESOLUTION No.6

Disarmament of Nuclear and Conventional Weapons

The 2nd Meeting of the ITUC-Asia Pacific Regional General Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 4-6 November 2008:

NOTING WITH DISMAY

that the total world military spending in 2007 stood at \$1,339 billion in 2007, equivalent to 2.5% of world GDP and U.S. \$202 per capita, and 10,200 operational nuclear weapons are hanging above us;

EMPHASISING

that the extremely slow pace of nuclear and conventional disarmament, while abolition of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction are universal desires shared by all humanity to realize world peace. Especially from a trade union view point such military expenditure shall be redirected to social development;

DEPLORING

that armed conflicts and terrorism continue unabated, causing pain and suffering to people in our region and worldwide, while the existence of nuclear weapons causes serious threats to the survival of human beings;

STRESSING

that the international community including trade unions must recognize the danger of nuclear weapons, and therefore must spare no effort to realize a peaceful and safe society because nuclear proliferation and peace cannot co-exist. Peace is a precondition for the achievement of labor union goals;

STRONGLY HOPING

that the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) held in New York, 2010, will work out a deal agreement, with wider accession to the treaty by non-member states, on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament by countries that possess nuclear weapons and that CTBT (Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty) will take into effect, especially through effective negotiation among nuclear possessing states;

SUPPORTING

initiatives that include "Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Treaties" in Latin America and the South Pacific that promote anti-nuclear movements, and Mayors for Peace (membership of 2,410 cities in 131 countries), a body made up of local governments throughout the world;

EXPRESSES

its firm commitment to pursue permanent world peace through abolition of nuclear weapons and disarmament of conventional weapons.