

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Burma

The 2nd ITUC-AP General Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 4-6 November 2008:

CALLS UPON

- the SPDC (State Peace and Development Council) to end the State sponsored use of forced labour;
- the SPDC to ensure that no more forced or compulsory labour be imposed by the authorities, particularly by the military, and that in accordance with the agreements with the ILO, legal measures and penalties be brought against perpetrators of forced or compulsory labour;
- the SPDC to fully cooperate with ILO to eradicate forced labour and permit international organisations and NGOs to use the personnel of their choosing to travel freely with unrestricted access to any location to ensure the use of forced labour is completely eradicated;
- the SPDC to cease using child soldiers and end all coerced conscription into the military;
- all members of the ITUC and their governments not to recognize the results of the sham 2008 referendum and adopted constitution which was neither free nor fair without guaranteeing or protecting trade union rights, workers rights and farmers rights;

CALLS

for the unconditional and immediate release of trade union activists U Myo Aung Thant, Thurain Aung, Kyaw, Kyaw, Show Joe, Wai Linn, Aung Naing Tun, Nyi Nyi Zaw, Utin Hla, Zaw Zaw Aung, Myo Min Wai, UThet Wai and others who were arrested and send to jail for their activity to defend the trade union rights and trade union activities;

REITERATES

that the SPDC has demonstrated:

- its cruelty towards its own peoples consistently throughout its history and again recently in suppressing the monks demonstration in September 2007,
- no respect for international norms with respect to workers such as ILO core standards and the rights of women and children;
- negligence before and after cyclone Nargis, which led to thousands of lives lost and prevented the international community from providing timely and sufficient aid to the victims of the tragedy;

that they are not fulfilling the requirements of a

government as the people of Burma had voted at the 1990 General Elections and chosen their representatives to represent Burma at the UNGA;

APPEALS

to the trade unions to continue to support the Federation of Trade Unions-Burma (FTUB);

URGES

the ITUC-AP members to undertake immediate initiatives to request their governments to enact more stringent political and economic sanctions against the SPDC considering that the SPDC continue to fail to respond appropriately to the UNGA/EU/ILO and ITUC recommendations and continues to defy the will of the people and the norms of international behaviour immediately.