

Resolution No. 2

CEASE THE POLITICAL SUPPRESSION IN HONG KONG

The 20th ITUC-AP Regional General Council Meeting, 10-11 March 2021, Virtual

- CONDEMNS** the unjust imposition of charges by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) police against 47 former opposition lawmakers and pro-democracy activists, including Carol Ng, the Chairperson of Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU) and Winnie Yu, Chair of the Hospital Authority Employees under the People's Republic China's National Security Law in Hong Kong;
- NOTES WITH CONCERN** that Carol Ng and Winnie Yu are officially charged with subversion of state of power for their participation in the primaries of the democrats to stand in the election of the Legislative Council, which was cancelled last September 2020. If convicted, they could be sentenced with life imprisonment;
- FURTHER NOTES** that Lee Cheuk Yan's trial began on 16 February 2021, as he faces nine criminal charges for exercising his freedom of speech, association, and peaceful assembly during the pro-democracy protests in 2019;
- DENOUNCES** that the National Security Law (NSL) adopted by China's National People's Congress in Hong Kong in July 2020 is being used vigorously to inhibit people from exercising their fundamental rights and freedoms, arrest more than a hundred activists, purge dissidence, and stifle the right of civil and public workers, as well as trade unions, to freely voice their opinions and take part in trade union activities;
- URGES** the HKSAR government to respect its obligations under the international labour and human rights treaties and uphold the fundamental rights and freedom of Hong Kong citizens;
- DEMANDS** the HKSAR government to drop all the charges against Carol Ng, Lee Cheuk Yan, Winnie Yu, and other pro-democracy activists, and release them immediately;
- CALLS** *the ITUC-AP affiliates to support and participate in the international campaigns of ITUC, organise solidarity actions in support of HKCTU and trade unions in Hong Kong, and urge their governments to call for the respect of fundamental rights and freedoms in Hong Kong.*