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To,

All the WFTU Affiliated Unions

of Asia Pacific Region

Secretariat Meeting of the WFTU approved the Summary Report on the Action Plan Implementation.

The Secretariat Meeting of the WFTU was held on 11th July 2023. In this meeting the Summary Report on the Action Plan Implementation placed by the General Secretary was adopted by the meeting. The document is enclosed as **Annexure-I** of this Circular. All the WFTU affiliates of Asia Pacific Region may please take a note of the Action Plan and act accordingly.

Government Employees of Punjab in Pakistan staged Protest Action Program – fully supported by All Pakistan Federation of United Trade Unions (APFUTU).

The Government Employees of Punjab in Pakistan protested in front of the Civil Secretariat, Lahore in support of their various demands which includes the implementation of the increase in the Salaries and Pension as per the Budget Announcement made by the Federal Government and also in support of other demands including filling up of vacancies, Regularization of the Services of Temporary Employees, etc. The All Pakistan Federation of United Trade Unions (APFUTU) and its affiliated Unions extended all support and solidarity to the struggling Government Employees of Punjab in Pakistan.

WFTU issued statement on the 2023 Summit of NATO.

On the eve of the 2023 Summit of NATO being held from 11th to 12th July 2023 in Vilnius, Lithuania, the WFTU Secretariat issued a statement condemning the NATO and called upon the workers all over the world to fight against the imperialist wars and the system that creates them, to struggle for world peace and the solidarity among the peoples, to oppose the waste of resources and money for military purposes, to demand the dismantling of Nuclear Weapons and the immediate disengagement from NATO. The People of the world, the workers of the world have nothing to divide them and they can live in peace, solidarity and cooperation. A copy of the statement issued by the WFTU Secretariat is enclosed as **Annexure-II** of this Circular.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF WFTU APRO AFFILIATES.

In the last WFTU APRO Circular, I have informed that the Regional meeting of APRO is due and hence the affiliates of WFTU from APRO may consider this and come forward to host the Regional Meeting of the affiliates of Asia Pacific Region of WFTU. However so far, I have not received any confirmation from the affiliates. It is once again requested that the Asia Pacific Regional Affiliates may please consider this and inform us at the earliest so that the same can be communicated to the General Secretary of WFTU for further process.

With Greetings,

Yours Comradely,



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Secretariat Meeting July 11th, 2023

Summary Report on the Action Plan Implementation

Dear comrades

Aiming to better preparation in view of the scheduled Secretariat Meeting on 11/06/2023 in Athens, I have prepared a summary note regarding the realization of the action plan of our federation.

In the note, I refer to the activities that have been already scheduled, activities in a procedure for scheduling, pending action plan activities as well as the action plan activities that are to be scheduled.

A. Scheduled congresses and activities:

- Working Women Committee:
World Working Women Congress on 21-23 November in Senegal
- TUI Transport, Ports, Fisheries and Communications:
15th World Congress on 21-22 November, 2023 - Athens, Greece
- TUI Chemistry & Energy:
4th congress on 27-30 November 2023 in Paris, France
- TUI Public Services & Allied
International Congress on the 21-25 November 2023 in Bogota, Colombia.
- TUI Public Services & Allied
Directive Committee Meeting on the 23-24 July 2023 in Alexandria, Egypt.
- TUI Pensioners
International Congress in Sprint of 2024 in Athens, Greece.
- TUI UITBB
Executive Committee Meeting on 9-10 September, 2023 in Santiago de Compostela, Galicia (Spain).

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B. Congresses and activities in a procedure for scheduling:

- Working Youth Committee:
World Working Youth Congress is under preparations by the WWC. On July 6th, 2023 the WYC will have a meeting to discuss the finalization of the Congress, and probably until the Secretariat Meeting the Congress will be scheduled to take place in France at the beginning of 2024.
- TUI BIFU
The leadership of the TUI BIFU is working to find a host organization in order to schedule the congress with a physical presence.
- TUI TEXGAL
Despite the operation problems due to the inaction of the TUI TEXGAL President, the place and the date of the Congress are to be announced.
- Working Youth Committee:
The WYC and PAME are discussing the possibility to realize the Youth Camp in Athens, Greece early Autumn

C. Pending Action Plan Activities:

- WFTU visit in Palestine
- Meeting of the Arab members and friends of the WFTU
- Annual TUIs' Meeting: Meeting of the WFTU Secretariat with TUIs' leaderships
- Annual Meeting of Asian and Pacific Regional Office
- Organization meeting on the WFTU finance. Will be prepared by the committee elected by the 2023 WFTU presidential Council Meeting in Cyprus.
- Seminar: there are several seminars and educational training activities in the WFTU Action Plan. The WFTU Headquarters are in well-advanced discussions

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with Several affiliates (Sri Lanka, Serbia, Bahrain, Ecuador etc.). However key factor in the general plan and realization of these seminars is the confirmation of (at least partial) funding by the ILO. The WFTU Headquarters are in contact with the ILO on these issues and the (re)planning of the Action Plan Seminars will be accordingly decided.

D. Action plan activities that are to be scheduled

- Solidarity with Cuba on the occasion of the anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks
- 1st September 2023: World Action Day of Trade Union for Peace.

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July 8th, 2023

WFTU statement on the 2023 summit of NATO

The World Federation of Trade Unions, on behalf of its 105 million workers who live, work and struggle in 133 countries of the 5 continents strongly condemns the imperialist plans of NATO and considers the 2023 Summit which is going to be held July 11-12 in Vilnius, Lithuania, one more blatant provocation to the whole peaceful humanity.

The peoples all over the globe know we well the bloody mission of this imperialist alliance is to maintain, and expand if possible, the existing favourable correlation of forces for the NATO countries in order to safeguard the profits of their monopolies. In the imperialist system which is characterized by the fierce competitions of the imperialist forces for geopolitical control and the control of energy resources and their transport routes, both the peoples of the member-states of NATO and the other countries' peoples have nothing to expect from the imperialist alliances and wars except death, suffering, poverty, and misery.

The class-oriented world trade union movement, the militant unions, and those who truly want peace consistently and continuously struggle against NATO which constitutes an aggressive war machine in the service of the interests of the imperialist countries of the alliance. The peoples of the world have a first-hand experience of NATO crimes and they know that NATO means nothing but interventions, wars, juntas, refugees, starvation, destruction, and death.

The WFTU condemns the continuation of military interventions and wars, the accelerated militarization of international relations, and the soaring military expenditures; it demands an immediate end to all imperialist armed conflicts, full respect for the sovereignty, independence, and right of every people to freely choose their present and future.

We denounce the exclusions, discriminations, embargoes, and sanctions imposed by the US, NATO, and the EU against various countries, as they negatively impact the standard of living of low-income families, workers, poor small farmers, and popular strata in general.



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The international trade union movement denounces the intention of the NATO Summit to add new Regional Plans but also to define a minimum limit of 2% of GDP in military spending, which sharpens the confrontation and deepens the preparations and the risk for a generalized imperialist conflict with disastrous consequences for the popular strata and the ordinary people.

In addition to conditions of generalized price rise, inflation, and the long-term austerity policies that have shrunk all the expenditures linked to popular needs and workers' living standards; In an era where all workers' demands for education, health, social security, and dignified living conditions, are rejected by bourgeois governments under the pretext of lack of resources, etc, the further increase in military spending is provocative as well as revealing of their intentions.

The World Federation of Trade Unions firmly believes military spending deprives people of the fundamental right to live with dignity and that NATO destabilizing the world and demand unconditional and urgent dissolution of NATO. The WFTU calls upon the workers all over the world to fight against imperialist wars and the system that creates them, to struggle for world peace and the solidarity among the peoples, to oppose the waste of resources and money for military purposes, to demand the dismantling of nuclear weapons and the immediate disengagement from NATO.

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The Secretariat