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To,

All the WFTU Affiliated Unions

of Asia Pacific Region

WFTU Affiliates to observe Solidarity Day with people of Cuba by organizing Protest and Demonstrations in front of American Embassies and Consulates

As already decided in the Presidential Council Meeting of WFTU, WFTU have issued circular for observing Solidarity Campaign with the people of Cuba on the occasion of 26th July 2023, the Anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba. The WFTU secretariat has called upon all the affiliates of WFTU to organize protest and demonstration in front of American Embassies and Consulates under the Slogan **"STOP THE BLOCKADE NOW"**. A Copy of WFTU Circular dated 18th July 2023 is enclosed as **Annexure-I** of this Circular.

AITUC working Committee protest against the Government of India's Shifting towards NATO and the impact Indo-US agreement on Defence in the Geo Political Situations and Indian Public Sector Defence Industries and Ordnance Factories

The Working Committee Meeting of AITUC was held at New Delhi in India on the 16th & 17th of July 2023. The Working Committee took a serious note about the shifting of India towards NATO in Contravention of its earlier policy on Non Alignment and Peace. The Working Committee also endorsed the views of WFTU for unconditional and urgent dissolution of NATO. A Copy of AITUC Working Committee Resolution on the subject is enclosed as **Annexure-II** of this Circular.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASIA PACIFIC REGION

In the last circular dated 12/07/2023, I have made an appeal to all the WFTU affiliates of Asia Pacific Region about hosting the Asia Pacific Regional Conference in their Country. So far, we have not received any confirmation from the affiliates in this regard. It is once again requested that the affiliates of Asia Pacific Region may explore the possibility of conducting the Regional Conference of WFTU and inform the undersigned accordingly.

With Greetings,

Yours Comradely,



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July 18th, 2023

To: Leaderships of the WFTU Reginal Offices and TUIs

CC: The WFTU Secretariat members

Circular on the solidarity campaign with the people of Cuba

Dear comrades,

As it is already published the WFTU Secretariat in accordance with the 2023 Presidential Council's unanimously adopted Action Plan, decided to organize a solidarity campaign with the people of Cuba, on the occasion of the 26th of July, the anniversary of the attack on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba. The WFTU secretariat decide to call upon for the organize protests and demonstrations in front of American embassies and consulates, under the slogan: Stop the blockade now!

This campaign is organized for the first time and it is of grave importance for the commemoration of the revolutionary Cubans and for the support and solidarity with heroic Cuba that remains a shining example of resistance against capitalist barbarity.

You are kindly requested to take all the appropriate actions to inform and encourage all the affiliates and friends of the WFTU in your region or sector to participate and realize this campaign. Moreover, the affiliates should send photos and documents of their activities for the proper promotion of the campaign.

You can use the detailed declaration and poster that are published on the WFTU website.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the circular and keep posted the secretariat on your initiatives and results.

Comradely,
Pambis Kyritsis
General Secretary



ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

AITUC Bhawan, New Delhi

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

16th to 17th of July, 2023

Resolution on AITUC's serious concern on India shifting towards NATO and the impact of Indo – US agreement on Defence in the geopolitical situations and Indian Public Sector Defence Industry and Ordnance Factories.

The Working Committee of AITUC in its meeting held at AITUC Bhawan, New Delhi on the 16th & 17th of July 2023 expresses its deep concern over the shifting of India toward NATO in contravention of its earlier policy of non-alignment and peace. In the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, instead of taking steps to restore peace, the NATO is supplying Arms and Armaments in huge number to Ukraine. The people of the world are aware of the NATO crimes and NATO means Wars, Militarization, Refugees, Starvation, Destruction and death of the people. The US, NATO and the European Union continue to attack many developing countries through their discriminations, embargoes and sanctions which has seriously affected the people of those countries.

The AITUC Working Committee is seriously concerned about the impact of the various Indo – US Defence agreements being signed in the recent past. These agreements takes the strategic and Military Cooperation between India and US further. These agreements are to only enhance the Defence Cooperation to promote the strategic interest of USA than India's interest.

The Government of India and the Prime Minister has openly invited the Arms manufacturers of USA, France and Israel to partner with Indian Companies and produce Arms and Military Equipments in India for local consumption as well as exports. Thousands of Acres of lands are going to be allotted to these Companies in the UP Defence Industrial Corridor and Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor for establishing Military Industries. Already it is understood that 500 Acres of land is allotted to L&T for overhauling of T-90 Tank produced in one of the Ordnance Factory at Avadi, the HVF which is manufacturing T-90 Tank with Russian collaborations. At present the T-90 overhauling project is with HVF Avadi. There is a danger of shifting this project to L&T Company. All these policy decisions will have serious impact on the existence of our Indian Defence Public Sector Industries and the 41 Ordnance Factories, which are already under the threat due to the Government's apathy towards these Industries by not providing work for them.

In this backdrop the Working Committee of AITUC urges upon the Government of India not to shift towards the NATO and to continue with the time tested policy of non-alignment and peace. The AITUC further endorses the views of WFTU for unconditional and urgent dissolution of NATO. The AITUC calls upon the workers and the people to fight against the imperialist wars, converting India in to a Military hub of the NATO countries like US, France, Israel etc., and further urges upon the Government of India to strengthen our Indian Defence Public Sector industries and 41 Ordnance Factories for achieving self reliance and Defence preparedness without depending upon the War mongering NATO Countries. The people of the country and the world can live in peace, solidarity and cooperation only if the imperialist and NATO sponsored wars and militarization is stopped for which the dissolution of the NATO is essential.

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