

Dear comrades, dear colleagues,

We thank you for the invitation to the 2nd Conference of Organizations Congress of Pensioners and Retirees coordinated by the WFTU. Unfortunately, due to conflicting dates (trade union congress), we cannot attend in person this time.

It is undisputed that right now, in a time of profit-optimizing capitalist inflation policy and the real income losses of working and retired people, class-oriented resistance is necessary both locally and internationally.

With this in mind, we convey our solidarity and wish the participants and the conference a productive, successful consultation.

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