

## **Declaration of support and solidarity at the FNE REM for the day of protest on 16 March 2023**

The UIS of the WFTU PeR and its Coordination of Retirees of Arab Countries, support the protest of March 16, 2023 organized by the UREM (Union of Retired Education in Morocco) of the FNE (National Federation of Education) in front of the Ministry of Education for first of all the defense of public education from primary to university, threatened by privatization and in order to improve the lives of pensioners and retirees. The UREM in one of its demands asks to review the redistribution of pensions between women and men, particularly the retraining pension for the widow which is currently only 50% whereas it should be 100% to allow equality in pensions between women and men. The UIS of the PeR, considers that today, the woman must benefit from the same rights in the recovery of pensions and her compensation for survivorship following the death of her husband cannot be 50%, but 100% as demanded by the UREM. The PeR UIS continues to denounce the management of pension funds around the world and the risk of its privatization. The UREM's demand confirms in this sense, all the dangers that these pension funds run. Our UIS of the PeR also joins in the demand of the UREM for a quality public education and against capitalism which wants to privatize the public school from primary to higher education. Our UIS of the PeR, continues like the UREM, to demand the non-taxation of pensions of retirees that are not salaries, to apply IRG or IGB to them. Capitalism is also attacking retirement by raising the retirement age and as in France, governments continue to obey the multinationals and the IMF, so that retirement pensions are abolished by this extension. The UIS considers that all the demands of the UREM of the FNE are legitimate and join those of our own organization.

The opportunity is propitious this time to discuss together, all the demands of retirees from Arab countries, at the second conference of retirees from Arab countries to be held in Beirut on May 10 and 11, 2023 while hoping for the presence of the URM of the FNE, to present these legitimate demands that do not differ in any way from those of the UIS of the PeR. Today, pension increases or upgrades, applied all over the world, do not reflect the fall in purchasing power and therefore must be more substantial to allow retirees to live in dignity. The UIS of the PeR, continues to demand the non-privatization of pension funds and that the retirees themselves manage it after balance sheets and investigations are opened before to denounce and recover all the embezzlement that the officials have caused. Justice all over the world must interfere in the so-called bankruptcies of these funds which in reality are due to their mismanagement or simply to embezzlement, never solved, and this in the absence of any balance sheet or investigation. The UIS of the WFTU PeR, joins the coordination of retirees from Arab countries and show all their solidarity in the protest of the UREM of March 16, 2023 because their demands do not differ from those of other Arab countries, which the first conference of Tunis had noted and which appear in the basic document for the 2nd future conference of Beirut in Lebanon.

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