

**Assessment presented by comrade Marcos Woman**  
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**since the resignation of comrade Marta Hervás.**

In order to make an assessment of the activity carried out, one of the first conclusions is the sharing of experiences, debates and resolutions adopted throughout the leadership meeting of the American branch of TUI and Pensioned and Retired (P&R), which belong to the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU). This meeting was carried out in San Pablo, Brazil, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August of 2017, and the meeting's overview is included in the attached document. This meeting was carried out two years after the American Regional Conference, organized in Quito, Ecuador, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.

During the past year, ever since the mentioned second meeting of our TUI's leadership in the american continent (the first was organized in Quito) and during the preparatory phase of the Second International Congress of our TUI – P&R, the labour and pension adjustment policies have been deepened due to the IMF's increasingly decisive intervention, particularly in the region, and in accordance with different political leaders (as in the case of Macri in Argentina).

In the following Congress, it will be time to make such analysis, in the interest of national and international policy making regarding our subject area.

In order to tackle the capitalist system's global policies - which are opposite to the conquests obtained by the working class - regarding the welfare and pension system, the intensification of the social struggles of each country as well as at a regional and international scale requires analyzing the common elements of our work, so as to coordinate and strengthen both the unity actions against the onslaughts of the dominant powers, as well as the ideological and organic work for the anticapitalist struggle and for socialism.

In order to make an assessment of my responsibility as vicepresident of America, I will begin by evaluating the important experience that I have been able to undergo not only as a result of the mentioned meetings, but also thanks to my designation to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> World Trade Union Congress of the WFTU at Durban, South Africa, from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. Also as a result of the meeting with the TUI's leaders in Athens, Greece, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, preparatory for the second TUI – P&R Congress of the WFTU in Colombia. On this occasion, I fully appreciate the meeting with comrade Mavrikos and the WFTU leaders, the meeting with comrade Dimos Kampouris, retired workers' organizations, and leaders of PAME. On these events and throughout all of the activities carried out, I have received the organic and political trade union support from the WFTU's leaders, from comrade Quim Boix, and from the American organizations of the TUI and P&R from the WFTU. I have received both the political support and the financial effort for these journeys from my comrade in arms from my country, as well as from the hosts' fraternal comradeship in each occasion.

At the same time, in a self-critical exercise, I must point out the hardships I have undertaken in order to meet with the corresponding celerity the resolutions that we passed on the American and International TUI. In this sense, for such responsibility, experience proves that neither the individual will and action nor the will and action of the organization to which we belong is enough. On the contrary, it is necessary to count with a permanent working team, since the intensity of the different national experiences and their complexity require doing so. A team which, apart from those tasks assigned to systematize the publication of reports and experiences of each organization, should count with our resolutions from the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 Congress in Brazil, where we have established three regional undersecretaries with its authorities, explicated in the resolutions of the leadership meeting of America's TUI – P&R of the WFTU which took place at San Pablo on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, which I attach in this report. Leadership responsibilities that we have adopted as an organic necessity for our project's current and new political international bonds, and as incorporations to our TUI – P&R of the WFTU. One of the responsibilities of each member of the designed leadership, which requires planning, information and fulfillment, and to overcome the delay in its execution, is the need of establishing specific measures in this phase which concludes on October 1<sup>st</sup> – International Day of the struggle for the pensioners' rights, day which we have also passed through our resolutions.

It is also worth mentioning that, if our TUI's finances worked correctly, the five coordinators, one per continent, should be provided with a minimum amount of money in order to be able to visit some countries of their own region, and so in that way help to strengthen our implementation and our work.

In order to reach these aims, we will have to deepen its realization, and I consider that we should dedicate part of our Second Congress in Columbia for this (for example, dedicate a couple of hours to perform, throughout the days of the Second Congress, five meetings, one per each continent).

Moreover, I consider that the direct relationship with each country's experiences is very important and necessary, as a means of enriching one's own realities and of the active solidarity with each fight. The facts that we will gather by such means will help us for our work for the new Technical and Investigation Commission that will be elected on the Second Congress, and that shall function better during this new phase (the existing Commission has not managed to get under way, with the exception of the document received by its members, from which I was amongst, sent by comrade Palmos Panagiotis as the corresponding president).

From a political viewpoint, due to imperialism's offensive, backed by governments which have undertaken the governability of the dominant power of capitalism throughout different countries of the continent, I consider that the relationship between our activities and the development and strengthening of the WFTU in each country is of uttermost importance.

With this synthetic and brief assessment, I also wish to express that in order to undertake our activities, it will be necessary to fully exercise our proletarian and revolutionary democracy as

members of the WTFU, so that the leadership responsibilities can be assumed by those who have the adequate political conditions and the adequate representativeness for this phase, marked by the intensification of the class struggle. Phase in which the demands regarding the national struggles that seek to confront the subjugation of the working class' conquests, and particularly as regards our scope of action, must be both in its essence and practice immersed in the proletarian and revolutionary internationalism against the capitalist system and in favor of socialism.

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