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## FOUNDING CONGRESS OF THE WFTU TUI OF TRADE UNIONS OF PENSIONERS AND RETIRED PERSONS

BARCELONA, SPAIN, 5-6 FEBRUARY 2014

### CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Dear comrades,

The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and the Unitary Trade Union Centre of Pensioners and Retired - CSU (P&R)- are pleased to invite you to the 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Trade Unions of Pensioners and Retirees that they are hosting in Barcelona, Spain on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 (arrival at the airport with the international code: BCN, i.e. at El Prat, Barcelona on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, and departure on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February). The goal of this congress is to create the International Union of Pensioners and Retirees (hereafter P&R) of the World Federation of Trade Unions. The creation of a TUI (International Union) of the WFTU brings together and coordinates the class unions of P&R from around the world will be a step in the right direction marked by the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WFTU.

We are in a real and long structural systemic crisis of capitalism. The capital and the capitalistic governments are trying to make the employees and peoples carry the burden of the crisis. This affects terribly all employees and us **pensioners, who watch our pensions being reduced, our rights squashed, ours and our children's lives deteriorate. Pensioners from all over the world we must act guided by the proletarian internationalism that characterizes the WFTU and fight for the basic labour rights and for a decent retirement pension to become a global reality. We must fight for free medication, public and free social welfare and decent public pensions.**

Each organization that confirms its entry will receive an agenda with all the details for participating in the congress. Like in all international events, the participants will cover their air transportation; however the organizers will cover the stay and nutrition of one (1) representative for three (3) days. Additional participants will be accepted provided that they will cover themselves the expenses of their participation. Due to financial difficulties, we ask from the participants who are able to cover their stay in Barcelona, to express their solidarity and bear the expenses. The Preparatory Committee has agreed to ask all participants for additional contribution to the financial support of the Congress, following a scale that respects the financial capacities.

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The representatives who require a visa in order to enter Spain should confirm their participation at the latest in September of 2013, by providing their names and their position in the trade union so that CSU (P&R) can send a nominative letter of invitation from Spain.

Dear comrades, we invite you to contribute to the success of the International Congress of P&R TUI of WFTU with your participation and submission of proposals.

Please confirm your participation in the following emails:

- WFTU Central Offices: [contact@wftucentral.org](mailto:contact@wftucentral.org)
- Quim Boix: [quimboix@quimboix.es](mailto:quimboix@quimboix.es)

Comradely,



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General Secretary of the WFTU



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