

DRAFT OF THE SPEECH BEFORE THE ILO

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knowing that it can only have 700 to 750 words.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

This is the fifth time that our UIS has spoken at a plenary session of the ILO. I can say that the previous four interventions have unfortunately served little. No one in the ILO leadership has shown the slightest interest in the problems of people over 60 years of age.

The ILO is now 100 years old, and has never been concerned with defending the rights of older people. Not only because the composition and direction of the ILO are mainly pro-capitalist, but also because they have never been interested in organizing the retired people, the yellow unions, the reformist unions, the unions that deceive the workers in order to collect the gratification that entrepreneurs and governments give them if they guarantee social peace.

But every time we are and we will be more, we the people with right to retirement, organized by the classist syndicalism, the one that already reunites almost 100 million workers in the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The right to a pension is a conquest of the working class that was won at the beginning of the 20th century and that was consolidated in the countries that built socialism. It was one of the first laws enacted by Lenin when the Great Bolshevik Revolution triumphed. Today there is already the right to a pension in almost every country on the planet, and I am referring to the public pension. Private pensions are another scam of capitalism and we denounce and repudiate them.

In addition, the pensioners are veterans in lived struggles and it is enough to keep them organized so that they continue defending the rights they obtained, during their active working life, through strikes and demonstrations. A good organization of the older people of each society will also influence the election results, since each time its figure is closer to 30% of the voters.

Our slogan, which summarizes our just demands, is: "LONG AND DIGNIFIED LIFE FOR PENSIONIST AND RETIRED PEOPLE". In other words, we demand the right to a public pension that guarantees a decent life for all the people of the planet who have already reached retirement, which should not be later than 60 years of age. And this means that these people must have guaranteed the following minimums: 1) drinking water at home; 2) a habitable dwelling; 3) sufficient healthy food; 4) Health, leisure and free, public transportation of good quality.

There is more than enough money on the planet to pay for these just needs. It will be enough to dedicate a small fraction of the GDP of each country to the pensioners and retired people, much less than the 2 and 4%

of the GDP that NATO requires of the member states. And the imperialist NATO, with the fascist Trump at its head, demand this enormous expense for, as imperialist countries, continue colonizing economically, plundering and exploiting and murdering the inhabitants of the countries of the planet that have raw materials desired by the multinationals that pay the electoral campaigns of the NATO leaders.

There is also a lot of money in private hands, that is, which gives welfare only to the richest people on the planet (that 1% who is much richer than the remaining 99%), or these 7 people, the richest, who possess the same wealth as half the world's inhabitants. Injustices that are only possible because capitalism exists, that is, the new stage of human slavery.

Retired people know that the world will not be fair until we build socialism in all countries of the planet and put an end to the freedom of human exploitation. Successful experiences have already been enough, as for, learning from the mistakes made, to be clear that the future of Humanity will only be built by destroying capitalism as a system.

Do not doubt that the veteran people, in whose name I have spoken to you, will continue fighting to build socialism as the only solidary society capable of satisfying all the aforementioned human needs.

LONG LIVE THE WORKING CLASS!

LONG LIVE THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS!

LONG LIVE SOCIALISM!

LONG AND DIGNIFIED LIFE FOR RETIRED PEOPLE AND PENSIONERS!

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NOTE.- This text, with the modifications that are collectively decided, will be read in the ILO by the person designated by the new Direction of our UIS, elected in the Second Congress