



INTERVENTION as TUI of P&R of the WFTU
AT THE MEETING OF THE CP OF THE WFTU, April, 2019

Comrades,

First of all, thanks for the invitation to this important annual meeting from the head of the WFTU.

Between the 16th and the 17th Congress of the WFTU our TUI was a member of the CP and we could discuss in each meeting the concerns of our management groups, which as you know, they are the collectives that bring together the most veteran people, trade unionists, full of years of struggle and many positive experiences.

That our TUI is here only as a guest does not limit our ability to contribute reflections that we hope can be useful for the great WFTTU, in the line of applying the agreements of our 17th Congress.

We inform you that, on the 27th and 28th of February, we did, in the city of Bogotá (Colombia), our Second Congress as TUI of Pensioners and Retirees (P&R). It was an important Congress in which we analyzed the first 5 years of which will go down in the history of world class unionism as the first organization that has been concerned for the rights of the people P&R from the 5 continents.

Also in our Congress we have planned the next five years of struggle and we have chosen new management teams that we trust will fulfill, better than previous, their individual and collective responsibilities. In particular, we have reinforced the Technical and Research Commission to have all the data and proposals that allow us to better face the proposals of the IMF to privatize public pensions. We are going, from here, to all the unions affiliates and friends of the WFTU to provide information to this Commission of our TUI of P&R.

We have confirmed the merits of structuring our work by continents, and also of having been able to promote what each October 1st, we call WORLD CONTROL DAY OF PENSIONERS AND RETIREES. It's been 3 years of experience, the World P & R Day, unprecedented before our UIS convened. Day that, with the slogan "**LONG AND DIGNY LIFE FOR PENSIONERS AND RETIREES OF ALL THE PLANET**", we will repeat for the 4th time this year 2019, and for which we ask you from now your support and solidarity.

The retired stage is the last in the life of every worker, if he reaches to live enough. But in it, despite not being directly exploited by no company, these people still have class claims against the

capitalist states that, applying the IMF guidelines, try to reduce the rights that can provide a dignified life, after decades of struggle.

All unions of the WFTU see the situation of P & R in their veteran fighters. We ask you, then, to take this step with your help, providing a Union assistance that ensures the continuity of our struggle as part of the working class.

At the moment, this is not the case in many cases. There are still too many Trade Unions of the WFTU which do not worry about organizing their current and future P & R. Our TUI is at disposition of the affiliates and friends of the WFTU, to help the struggle of the working people against capitalism so it does not stop by the fact of becoming retired

On the other hand, we consider that all the TUI of the WFTU should organize World Days of Fight against capitalist exploitation, adapted to nowadays.

As trade unionists we must know how to fight our class enemy that is organized internationally.

We also consider that the Regional Offices of the WFTU should elaborate, at least once a year, a document reflecting the reality of the struggle of classes in their territorial zone, placing fight proposals. To these struggles we will gladly add the P & R of each region of the planet.

I conclude by telling you that this document, which I have just read, was approved in our Second Congress.

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