

## **FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE SECOND CONGRESS OF THE ITU OF PENSIONERS AND RETIREES OF THE WFTU**

February 27th and 28th, 2019, have been chosen to celebrate the Second Congress of the UIS (Union of Trade Unions) of P & J (Pensioners and Retirees) of the WFTU (World Federation of Trade Unions), which will be held in Bogotá, Colombia. Our ITU is the only world organization that groups the trade unions and the associations of Pensioners and Retirees with class positions all through the five continents.

After a long round of contacts with Pensioners and Retirees from 78 countries around the world, we have managed to gather more than 200 delegates, from 27 countries belonging to the five continents. The collective reflections made by these delegates present coincided with the messages received from other 33 countries whose delegates won't be able to attend the Congress due to several reasons (denied visas, lack of financial resources, illness of the person chosen to attend, etc.). As a final summary of the agreements taken, the following resolution has been agreed:

1. We clearly reaffirm our will to defend all the just demands of the Pensioners and Retirees of the planet, so that from 60 years old or less (as is the case of Bolivia and other countries) people can leave their work and live with dignity.
2. We qualify as a dignified life the one in which, thanks to the retirement pension (or any other pension to which one was entitled due to illness or accident), sufficient income is available as well as proper housing, healthy food, medical care and expenses, etc, along with means and quality services of transportation, health, culture and leisure activities provided on a free basis.
3. There is much more than enough money in the world for everything claimed in the previous point. It would be just enough if distributed in a fair way (ending with that present reality that shows how just 1% of the world population is richer than the remaining 99%). In order to attain this aim we will have to put an end to capitalism and also to imperialism, as only with 10% of what is yearly spent on weapons will suffice to feed all people who go hungry around the world.
4. We denounce the proposals of capitalism, especially those coming from the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and from all the governments and agencies under its rule: European Union, World Bank, OECD, etc., aimed to delay the retirement age, to promote private pensions and to lower the amount of what is paid monthly as public pensions. What they pretend with this and other measures is nothing else but further capital gains taken from active workers that may receive their pensions close to the time of their death.
5. We stand and fight for equal rights for women in all areas of life and logically also in those matters linked to retirement and pensions, because in this area they are very badly treated.
6. With our struggles we also defend peace and security in the world of the local and generalized warmongering aggressions of imperialism against the peoples, which are becoming increasingly implacable to secure new

sources of wealth. Its sharp antagonisms and especially the abolition of the old 1987 agreement on medium-range nuclear weapons between the United States, the USSR and the UN put Humanity before the danger of a nuclear war.

7. All the above is well explained in the extensive documents that we have discussed and approved in the Second Congress. We have collected the many contributions that have come to us from the five continents. All materials will be available on our ITU website: <http://www.pensionistas.info/web/es>
8. We have chosen a new world address that will direct our collective work until the year 2024, the year in which we will celebrate our Third Congress in a country of Africa or Asia.
9. In this leadership team there is a collective specialized in collecting and studying reality, country by country, continent by continent, with the aim of having all the data that facilitate the campaigns and also allow us to dismantle the false arguments used by our class-enemy.
10. We compromise ourselves to improve our organization, always twinned with the rest of the organizations belonging to the WFTU, in order to add to our young ITU (we only have five years of existence and we grow every day) other class conscious organizations subsequent in the maximum of countries of the five continents.
11. We will work to provide ourselves with the minimum of our own finances that allow us to function worldwide. Each organization affiliated to our ITU will contribute the part and dues allotted to them as long and in the form its finances allow it.
12. During 2021, giving continuity to the five Regional Conferences already successfully held, we are going to celebrate five new Conferences, one per continent, to unite and coordinate the struggles of Pensioners and Retirees of all the areas of the planet, including the Arab countries, with a specific demand table for each territorial reality. We will claim these demands, every May, with activities to be developed in each of the countries of each region of the planet.
13. Every October 1st we will continue to take to the streets, in all the towns in the world where we can, for, as we began to do the year 2016, remember that if the UN fixed this date as World Day of the Pensioners and Retirees, this must serve to be approved in all laws and constitutions of the countries the obligation of the states to ensure, through public budgets and funds, the dignified life of the Pensioners and Retirees, as we have explained in point 2 of this resolution.
14. We thank the OCP, Colombian Pensioners Organization, the CPC (Confederation of Colombian Pensioners), and the WFTU-Colombia, for the help they have provided to successfully carry out this Second Congress of our ITU in Bogotá.
15. We express our full support to the central leadership of the WFTU and, through it, to all the organizations that comprise it.

Bogotá, Colombia, February 28th, 2019.