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Resolution No. 1

On Burma

This 13th TWARO Regional Congress, meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 7-8th December 2006

Recalling

that in spite of international efforts made by the UN, many countries and organizations including the international trade union movement for the past 14 years, democracy has not been restored yet in Burma,

Noting

that the Burmese military junta re-launched the National Convention to draw up a new constitution which was boycotted by National League of Democracy (NLD) and failed to show a future process for democratization, therefore not meeting the demand of not only the international community which has been pressurized military regime for many years but also ASEAN which recently expressed its concern on Burma,

Aware

that forced labour is still continuing in Burma, thereby violating ILO Convention No. 29 which was ratified by the government,

Noting

that the 95th session of International Labour Conference in 2006 expressed its grave concern with and strong criticism on the serious violation of ILO Convention No. 29 and demanded the Burmese regime to take concrete measures immediately to improve the situations,

Welcoming

that UN Security Council decided to take up the Burma issue as a formal

agenda item at its meetings,

Further noting

that investment and trade with Burma without democracy are only benefiting the military regime directly or indirectly, but not the people in general,

Recognizing

that trade unions of Burma, such as the Federation of Trade Unions – Burma, operating in exile, are making unstinting efforts to seek freedom of association and prepare to start trade union movement in Burma once democracy is restored,

Demands

that the government of Burma restores democracy and to ensure Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other NLD members have freedom to undertake political activities,

Requests

that the UN and ILO continue to pressurize the SPDC (State Peace and Development Council) for respect of human and trade union rights,

Calls upon

that the affiliates of TWARO to exert their influence and approach their governments so that the international community could jointly make efforts and work for the democratization of Burma,

Further calls upon

that TWARO and its affiliates to urge governments and multinational companies in our sector to prevent trade, investment, and any military aid to Burma,

Pledges,

full support of TWARO and its affiliates to FTUB and other organizations which share our common goal, until the days when people in Burma can fully enjoy peace and freedom.

Resolution No. 2

On China

Submitted by Clothing Industry, Clerical and Retail Trade Employees General Union – Hong Kong to the 13th TWARO Regional Conference, December 7-8, 2006.

Recognizes that the Olympic Games will be held in Beijing in the year 2008

- Recalls** that the secretary general of the Beijing Olympic Bid Committee, Mr. Wang Wei, had pledged in 2001 that: “We are confident that the Games coming to China not only promotes our economy but also enhances all social conditions, including education, health and human rights.”
- Calls upon** the Chinese Government to improve its human rights conditions by releasing all political prisoners including labour activists and to respect the rights of freedom of association of workers and ratify the ILO Conventions 87 and 98.
- Reminds** the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of its own expectation that human rights in China would improve as a result of Beijing being awarded the Olympics.
- Urges** the IOC to put pressure on the Chinese Government to improve its human rights conditions, including the ratification of ILO Core Labour Standards. And also to ensure the Olympic Sponsors and production of Olympic Products complied with the ILO Core Labour Standards in their production process.

Resolution No. 3

To Promote More Active Youth Participation in TWARO

This 13th TWARO Regional Conference meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 7-8th December 2006:

REALISING:

The need for continuity in leadership and ensuring continuous, active participation of young workers to enhance the relevance of trade union movement to ensure social justice,

CALLS UPON:

All affiliates of TWARO to make concrete efforts and initiatives to ensure young workers are organized, trained and educated on trade unionism,

URGES:

Affiliates to name a youth representative so liaison with TWARO would be established, for more coordinated effort to be planned involving youth future TWARO leadership and ensuring activities/programmes/trainings are continuous for the youth,

CALS UPON:

For efforts by all TWARO affiliates to promote youth participants by placing strict policies to train youth.

Resolution No. 4

On Fiji

This 13th TWARO Regional Congress meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 7-8 December, 2006,

Deplores

The coup d'état in Fiji with the overthrow of the democratically elected government by the military;

Concerned

At the threats posed to human rights, including workers' rights, by undemocratic regimes;

Demands

That the Fijian military immediately hand back control of the country and return to barracks;

Requests

The United Nations and all its member states, particularly those in Asia and the Pacific, to exert all possible pressure to ensure the immediate restoration of democracy in Fiji.

Resolution No. 5

Emergency Motion on Thailand

This 13th TWARO Regional Congress meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, on 7-8 December, 2006,

Regrets

Military take over of the democratically elected government and

Calls

For immediate lifting of state of emergency and restoration of democratic rights of Thai People.