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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TURKEY

The 13th World Congress of the ICFTU, meeting in Oslo from 23 to 30 June 1983,

- RECALLS the repeated resolutions on Turkey adopted by the Executive Board since the military takeover of September 1980;
- NOTES WITH DISMAY the persistent violations of human and trade union rights;
- DENOUNCES the continued restrictions on trade union activities, the numerous trials of people not involved in violence going on before military tribunals, the detention of thousands of political and trade union detainees, the climate of insecurity and repression surrounding the trade union movement, the imprisonment of large numbers of trade unionists, the maltreatment inflicted on imprisoned suspects and the torture practices that continue to be part of the police interrogation system;
- DEMANDS the release of the unjustifiably detained trade unionists, the stopping of the unjust trials against trade union organisations foremost among them the DISK and its affiliated unions; and a lifting of the suspension of trade unions and of the restrictions on trade union activity;
- CONDEMNNS the new Constitution and other laws promulgated by the National Security Council, which fail to restore democracy but instead aim at establishing an

authoritarian regime with few democratic elements, as exemplified recently by the banning of leaders of a new social democratic party;

SUPPORTS

Türk-İş in continuing its campaign against the restrictions on labour rights in the Constitution and in the legislation on trade unions and collective bargaining;

CONDEMNS

the intolerable curbs in the Constitution and in the legislation on trade unions and on collective bargaining which render the free exercise of trade union activity virtually impossible and flagrantly violate ILO standards and the rights acquired by Turkish workers after years of struggle;

APPEALS

to the National Security Council to rescind the restrictive measures on trade union organisations and on collective bargaining which deny Turkish working people their only means of pursuing their legitimate aspirations;

CALLS ON

all democratic forces inside and outside Turkey to assist in reversing these measures;

URGES

governments of democratic countries, including the European Economic Community, to make economic aid conditional on the restoration of democratic and trade union rights;

SUPPORTS

the pressure on the regime by the lodging of a formal complaint with the European Commission for Human Rights;

PLEDGES

ICFTU cooperation with all democratic forces in Turkey that will engage in the battle for free trade unions and for civil liberties;

DECIDES

to continue the ICFTU legal and relief aid in cooperation with the ETUC for the trade union victims of repression in Turkey.

TÜRKİYE SOSYAL HAKLAR KURUMU

<u>Country</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Status*</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Delegates' entitlement</u>
TURKEY TURQUIE TÜRKEI TURQUIA	<u>Türkiye Isçi Sendikaları Konfederasyonu (Türk-Is)</u>		1,800,000	6
	1. Aker, Onder	D		
	2. Kul, Emin	D		
	3. Özdemir, Kaya	D		
	4. Taysi, Sanar	D		
	5. Yilmaz, Sevket	D		
	Albayrak, Dervis	A		
	Özdener, Gültekin	A		
	Kahyaglu, S.	O		
UGANDA OUGANDA	<u>National Organisation of Trade Unions</u>		150,000	2
	1. Okolimong, S. A.	D		
UNITED STATES ETATS-UNIS VEREINIGTE STAATEN EE. UU. DE AMERICA	<u>American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organiza- tions</u>		13,602,000	20
	1. Baker, J.	D		
	2. Barton, P.	D		
	3. Brown, I.	D		
	4. Doherty, W. C. Snr.	D		
	5. Doherty, W. C. Jnr.	D		
	6. Donahue, T. R.	D		
	7. Fraser, D.	D		
	8. Gleason, T. W.	D		
	9. Gray, C. H.	D		
	10. Kahn, T.	D		
	11. Kirkland, L.	D		
	12. Miller, J. D.	D		
	13. O'Farrell, P. J.	D		
	14. Paladino, M.	D		
	15. Shanker, A.	D		
	Alexander, O.	O		
	Butch, F.	O		
	Chapman, W.	O		
	Heller, J.	O		
	Kubiske, D.	O		
	Rosenson, L.	O		
UPPER VOLTA HAUTE-VOLTA OBERVOLTA ALTO VOLTA	<u>Organisation voltaïque des Syndicats libres</u>		6,000	1
	1. Kaboré Boniface	D		

TÜRKİYE İŞTİSM TARIH ANAŞTIRMA VAKFI

Zambia	Zambia Congress of Trade Unions	Jalasi, J.
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions	Kupfuma, A. E. P.
B. ASIA AND PACIFIC		
India	National Labour Organisation	Barot, N. M.
	Self-Employed Women's Association	Bhatt, Ela R.
Indonesia	All-Indonesian Labour Federation (FBSI)	Sjaiful, D. P.
Japan	General Council of Trade Unions of Japan (Sohyo)	Fujimoto, K. Oikawa, K. Shibata, T. Yamada, Y.
	Japan Private Sector Trade Union Council (Zemminrokyo)	Fujino, Masaru Maekawa, T. Nakagiri, T. Nakamura, T. Tabuchi, K. Tateyama, T. Komuda, T.
	Federation of Telecommunications Electronic and Allied Workers (Dentsu Roren)	Horiuchi, H.
4 } Turkey	DISK - Liaison Office of Confederation of Progressive Unions of Turkey	Kuzacioalu, S. Top, Yücel
Vanuatu	Vanuatu Trade Union	Satungia, K. J.
C. EUROPE		
France	Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail	Briesch, Roger Chereque, Jacques
Italy	Federazione CGIL-CIL-UIL	Gilmore, C. Magnani, Sauro
Poland	NSZZ Solidarnosc and Office Abroad NSZZ SOLIDARNOSC	Milewski, J. Nitoslawska, A. M. Sewerynski, M. Wojcik, M.

INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS
CONFÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES SYNDICATS LIBRES
INTERNATIONALER BUND FREIER GEWERKSCHAFTEN
CONFEDERACION INTERNACIONAL DE ORGANIZACIONES SINDICALES LIBRES
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STATEMENT BY ŞEVKET YILMAZ, PRESIDENT, TURK-IŞ,
CONFEDERATION OF TURKISH TRADE UNIONS, AT THE 13TH
WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF
FREE TRADE UNIONS
Oslo, June 27, 1983

Brother Chairman, Fellow Delegates,

The document before us makes a detailed analysis of the severe problems the trade unions are confronted in many parts of the World. As has been rightly pointed out, "the World is witnessing a deplorable trend towards the curtailment of basic trade union rights and that violations of freedom of association have become a regular feature in all parts of the World..."

I should add that the situation in my Country, Turkey, is no exception; on the contrary, as it is well known, the workers and the trade union movement are living through a highly critical period in Turkey.

The question before us today is what can be done to tackle the problems experienced by countries, developed or developing in many parts of the World. What can be done to reverse this dangerous trend? As has been the case in my Country and in various others how can we fight anarchy and terrorism which also constitute a grave threat and danger to democracy and to free trade unionism? What can be done at the national level? What can we do jointly in the international field to protect fundamental human rights and trade union liberties? I wholeheartedly believe that the 13th World Congress of the ICFTU will find the most proper answers to these questions.

Fully aware of the fact that conditions in various countries differ and that making generalizations may lead to mistakes, I shall nevertheless try to inform you of what we have tried to do - during the recent months together with the ICFTU - to defend fundamental human rights and trade union liberties in Turkey.

The developments in Turkey since the military take-over on 12 September 1980 have been closely watched by the ICFTU, which I know has also kept its affiliates and associates regularly informed. This leads me to believe that many of

the problems that we are faced with are already obvious to my colleagues here. As I have already pointed out, workers and the trade union movement are living through a highly critical period in Turkey. There exists severe restrictions on basic trade union rights and freedoms and there is the infringement of acquired rights of Turkish workers won after years of bitter struggle. The free exercise of trade union rights, in particular the right to strike and bargain collectively has been drastically curbed. Moreover there is the grave problem of detained trade unionists and of the suspended trade unions.

The restrictions basically have their roots in the 1932 national Constitution and they have been reflected to a great extent in the new trade unions and collective bargaining legislation promulgated on 7 May 1983. There still exists today the threat to convert a considerable number of workers into the status of civil servants, thus depriving them of their basic trade union rights and freedoms.

I would like to inform this Congress of the ICFTU that TURK-İŞ has actively opposed every single restrictive measure since the last convention of the Confederation on June 1982. Obviously it was not only trade union rights and freedoms but also civil rights and a pluralistic democracy that we tried actively to defend during the campaign we waged against the draft Constitution. This campaign was followed by the fight against the intended revision of the trade union and collective bargaining legislation.

In connection with fundamental human rights and trade union liberties we have openly and insistently declared that we expect the administration in Turkey to observe its obligations and commitments under international law and to abide by the principles of the ILO reflected in its Constitution and particularly in Conventions 87, 98, 135, 151 and 154.

We have openly declared that the question of the regime cannot be settled unless the problems of labour are solved and the rights and freedoms of workers fully respected.

In our efforts to protect workers and trade union leaders we have made no distinction whatsoever and under difficult conditions we have tried to help our colleagues which we have differences of opinion on matters of principle since 1967.

Some headway has been attained as a result of our attempts but in the final analysis, I must say that only limited success has been achieved so far. In this connection I want to repeat what I have said at the Executive Committee meeting of the ICFTU in May: All the fields where so far only limited success has been achieved constitute the future targets of struggle, and no matter what the circumstances are or may become the fight will continue covering all fields of concern.

Rest assured that your colleagues in Turkey are trying to do their best in defence of democracy and of free trade unionism.

There are difficulties, but I can assure you there exists also a live movement back in my Country and I do believe with the active and continuous support and cooperation of the international trade union movement the eventual success shall be ours.

We in Turkey trust you all and wholeheartedly believe that we will not be left alone in our joint struggle for "Peace, Bread and Freedom".

I thank you Brother Chairman.