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OTHER RESOLUTIONS

The 14th World Congress of the ICFTU adopted also the following resolutions which refer to trade union rights:

- Organizing International Solidarity
- Export Processing Zones
- South Africa
- Namibia
- Central America
- South America
- Chile
- Haiti
- Paraguay
- "Movimiento Solidarista"
- Fiji
- Malaysia
- Republic of Korea
- Cyprus
- Lebanon
- Turkey
- Poland

All these resolutions are included in a special Congress brochure which is available on request.

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The ***INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS*** *is the representative at world level of free labour organisations on all five continents. Established in 1949, it now has 142 affiliates, for the most part national trade union federations, with a total membership of 88 million.*

The ***INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS*** *seeks to achieve the aims summarised in its motto – Bread, Peace and Freedom. It puts forward policy proposals for coordinated international action to end poverty and unemployment, and assists the strengthening of free trade unions through education and development aid projects. It campaigns for peace, security and disarmament. The ICFTU condemns discrimination of all kinds – whether on grounds of race, colour, creed or sex. It defends trade union and other basic human rights whenever and wherever they come under attack. By acting together ICFTU affiliates are able to help each other achieve shared objectives for the dignity and wellbeing of all working people.*

The ***INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS*** *speaks for workers in international intergovernmental organisations, notably the various bodies and agencies of the United Nations system. Among these, the tripartite International Labour Organisation occupies a place of special importance. The ICFTU has helped formulate the ILO Conventions and standards which serve as a yardstick against which to measure individual countries' observance of fair labour standards and trade union rights. In this context, the ICFTU can and does lodge complaints with the ILO against countries which infringe these rights and standards. By virtue of its consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, the ICFTU is able to represent the workers' interests in the Council and its subsidiary bodies, such as the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Transnational Corporations. It also maintains close working relations with other UN bodies and organisations, such as the special Committee Against Apartheid, UNCTAD, the IMF, the World Bank, GATT and other specialized agencies.*

The ***INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS*** *helps channel information between member organisations in different countries, and publicizes the trade union movement's international objectives – or more local issues when these have a wider significance. Each year it issues a "Survey of Violations of Trade Union Rights". The ICFTU's fortnightly newspaper "Free Labour World" provides regular news on the activities of the international free trade movement.*

The ***INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS*** *cooperates closely with the International Trade Secretariats, which group national unions concerned with a particular trade, profession or industry. Basic policy is decided by the Executive Board, supreme authority rests with Congress, at which all affiliated organisations are represented.*