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20. WFTU's new Statutes

ABSTRACT: The WFTU needs a new Statutes define its principles, program, objectives, structure, operation and regulation. In the bylaws, the WFTU should express its political project is defined and performed in the context of class struggle.

1. Introduction

Understood as one of the two social classes present in the current era of human development, the working class needs an overall vision to carry out their class duties.

The WFTU has always Statutes, as amended in several Congresses. The current Statutes come from two decades ago, when the world situation was different. In such bylaws it can be made improvements to them, through modifications and additions. However, partial proposals only postpone the solution to an internal problem that requires a comprehensive solution.

It is Mexico FTE's point of view that workers affiliated to the WFTU should make an effort to draw up new Statutes relevant to the situation of the present and future. These Statutes would give it political reference to the WFTU dynamics according to the needs of the labor movement in the world.

2- Overcome deficiencies

The current Statutes have never managed to define the class character of the WFTU, in the present, not even mention the words "class struggle".

Worse, in 1990 the WFTU abolished this principle to be defined as a "center of

cooperation, dialogue", all "in the service of renewal", defined as the renunciation of class struggle. Therefore, no action is based on the WFTU but very general. Politically, the WFTU is not defined with respect to the State which is not mentioned. Strategically, it doesn't define the class independence, or the ideological or political.

Existing Statutes establish objectives but do not clarify a program of struggle; in any case, program objectives are incomplete.

The current structure of the WFTU is perhaps the greatest weakness. This can not continue, with only two representatives in the headquarters to perform many tasks that simply can not be realized because the protocol absorbs all their time. The other representatives, without exception, are only nominal, they are not functional.

The completion of the World Trade Union Congress, without interruption, represented the continuity of the WFTU, after the collapse of European socialism. It is important and valuable but not sufficient to address the main problems of the international labor movement.

The operation of the WFTU is not automatic, nor can be. They are not even enough the best Statutes. The dynamics of the WFTU is determined by the degree of participation of its members, including the

2011, elektron 11 (20) 2, FTE of Mexico theoretical, technical, political and economic matters.

The WFTU requires modern Statutes to function properly. If it continues making partial reforms as "patches", it would be postponing the solution to a pressing domestic problem.

3- Conclusions

Today, the world's workers need a WFTU with new Statutes defined by its class's meaning. This means to rescue the concept of class struggle in its concrete expressions for policy development and mobilization efforts.

In the new Statutes should define the principles and program, according to current international circumstances, as a means of historical transitions.

There is an undeniable need for global responses. This means having an appropriately structured with a functional organization that exceeds the merely bureaucratic or nominal. The structure is central to the WFTU, in the reconstruction and in the normal, everyday operation.

The new Statutes should include: a) Principles b) Program, c) Statutory Rules and d) Regulations.

The Principles should state explicitly that the action of the WFTU is based on class struggle. The program should define the political tasks for the present stage. The statutory rules are to consider several issues, specifically, objectives of the WFTU, members of the same structure of the organization, representative bodies, functions, powers and duties of representatives, rights and obligations of members, electoral processes including to

give account of their activities and revocation of mandate, patrimony of the organization, tasks for unity and solidarity. Regulations should refer to the format and content of world and regional conferences, finance, international executive council and regional representations, among others.

To prepare the final draft of new Statutes is suggested to form an international commission, coordinated by the Secretariat of the WFTU, which integrates the various contributions of the affiliated organizations.

PROPOSALS

The FTE of Mexico presents to the 16th World Trade Union Congress the following proposals:

- 1- The WFTU shall formulate new statutes including: principles, programs, statutory rules and regulations. For this purpose, will join an international commission to formulate the project that will be taken to the collective discussion between the bases of the members for final approval.
- 2- The Statutes define explicitly that the WFTU performs its political tasks, united action and solidarity in the class struggle context.
- 3- The WFTU is an international labor organization, united and solidarity, with class independence.
- 4- The flag of the WFTU is red, its song is "The International", and its greeting is the left fist in the air.
- 5- The slogan the WFTU is: Proletarians of all countries, Unite!

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