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## 5. International unity of workers

**ABSTRACT:** International unity of workers is necessary but can not be decreed, it must be built from below based on the principles of class, a common program to fight and a plan of action agreed mostly by the bases.

### 1. Introduction

The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) emerged unitary. The conditions of the time allowed the formation of a single international central. They had to be present the horrors of war to conclude that the unity of workers was necessary and possible.

However, recently, imperialism hosted and achieved the division producing the split of 1949, to create immediately, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), now called the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).

The world trade union movement is divided, ideologically, politically and organizationally. This is a consequence of class struggle, with the aggravation of imperialist hegemony that keeps workers subjugated, as well as nations and its people. In union affairs, the policy has been to infiltrate to divide workers.

The division increases because it is a systematic policy pursued by imperialism. Using various mechanisms, the central purpose is to disaffiliate trade unions and WFTU's centrals for incorporation into the

ITUC, either through corruption or political imposition of states and governments.

Organic division is expressed in two radically different projects. The WFTU based its principles on the concept of class struggle, the ITUC in class collaboration. These principles are antagonistic.

A certain idea leads to a particular practice, another idea to another practice. This is the case. The WFTU proposes the fight against capital, not only in its effects, but its causes. The ITUC does not address the causes, merely the effects and in a subordinated manner the capital.

However, the international unity of workers is necessary and always has been proposed by the WFTU. To materialize in this moment requires a detailed and serene analysis to determine the political conditions that make it viable and true.

### 2- Yes to the class unity

¿How is to achieve unity? The unit can not be decreed, it is built from the ground. The first thing that is required to form a "central" is the political will of the parties. ¿Does it exist

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such will? For the WFTU there is no doubt. By the ITUC there is no will, that central does not recognize the existence of the WFTU and refuses any kind of relationship. The objective of ITUC is to withdraw from the WFTU previously selected centrals and unions.

However, the international unity of all workers is historical flag of the WFTU, now and forever.

¿How is to achieve unity? Based on clearly defined references ¿Which are those references? 1- The Principles. The WFTU proposes those of the working class: class struggle, unity, solidarity, class independency. 2- The program. The WFTU proposes the unit as a means to carry out a program collectively agreed. 3- An action plan, based on the realization of the political tasks of the proletariat and the struggle for immediate and historical demands.

¿What would be the procedures to be followed? 1- That centrals formally accept to enter into a unity process, 2- Tat both centrals propose basic documents for the single central, 3- All proposals should be discussed by the bases, in all countries and continents, 4- Tat all decisions are taken collectively and democratically by the majority of workers, 5- Convene a World Trade Union Congress of Unity, upon dissolution of existing centrals.

¿When is to make the unity? At any time, it could start now. To this end, both centrals must declare their willingness. ¿ Are there conditions? ; No, unfortunately!

In the current phase of capitalism, it puts forward its hegemony. The ITUC is not autonomous, is subject to international capital, it is the imperialism's labor department and it is controlled by its intelligence and espionage agencies. For imperialism, its central has the strategic aim of distorting world trade unionism, until it has been destroyed, diverting it from the class' objectives.

In such circumstances, the international unit is necessary but is not on

the agenda. We have to walk a winding road, promoting unity from the bases, through solidarity and united action, to achieve the balance of forces necessary to realize the desired unity.

### 3- Conclusions

With improvised concern, some members of the WFTU find in the ITUC an alternative but there is no such. The ITUC ensures that its majority and rich. The second is true but, first, it is questionable.

The number is important but do not count in the balance if is not bound by the organization and guided by knowledge. That is, the unity for unity is not such. The unit is not abstract, not declarative, but real, but must be built.

In either scenario, the policy priority is to strengthen the WFTU in all its aspects.

### PROPOSALS

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

- 1- The WFTU struggles for the unity of the proletariat of the world and calls for building the unity based on the principles of class, a common agenda and a plan of collective action, laying for discussion of the bases the proposals for making collective decisions intended to convene a World Trade Union Congress of Unity.
- 2- The WFTU calls its members and friends to strengthen our international organization in theoretical, technical, political, social and cultural aspects, with strong involvement of the bases of the trade unions international, TUIs and national centrals.