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Proposals of the FTE of MEXICO

## 25. WFTU´s congresses

**ABSTRACT:** The World Trade Union Congress is a highly important event for the world's workers. It intends to create Trade Union Congresses by continent and / or region to energize and consolidate the WFTU unitary collective agreements.

### 1. Introduction

Since its founding congress of 1945, the WFTU has continuously made its conferences, even under difficult conditions. The continuity of the World Trade Union Congress allowed the WFTU to survive the collapse of European socialism. Today in the reconstruction phase, our organization must consolidate its internal structure.

### 2- Congresses worldwide, continental and regional

This set of proposals considers a new instance within the framework of the WFTU: the Trade Union Congress continental and / or regional.

The World Trade Union Congress is the highest authority and representation of the WFTU. The Regional Trade Union Congresses are constituted for support to the WFTU on every continent and / or region. All affiliated and fraternal organizations of the WFTU on every continent and / or region may participate in these congresses.

The attributions and functions of the Continental Congress and / or regional authorities will be the same as the World Trade Union Congress, in the corresponding level.

These congresses are convoked by the International Executive Council of the WFTU.

It also includes the International Workers' University, attached to the WFTU, which has autonomy and continental, regional and national headquarters.

### 3- Conclusions

Attend the World Trade Union Congress, in principle, the best affiliated unionist and friends of the WFTU. The Continental Congress and / or regional will increase the participation of trade unionists throughout the world.

### PROPOSALS

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

### FSM STRUCTURE

#### CHAPTER III- The World Trade Union Congress

Article 18-The WFTU Congress will hold ordinary and extraordinary. Ordinary Congress of Trade Unions will be conducted every 5 years. Extraordinary Congresses may be held at any time.

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Article 19-The World Trade Union Congress will decide on the items proposed in the respective announcement.

Article 20-It corresponds to the World Trade Union Congress the adoption and amendment to the Statutes, by a vote of two thirds of the members.

Article 21-The World Trade Union Congress will be convened by the Executive Council of the WFTU, at least 1 year in advance, as regards the ordinary Congress.

Article 22-In each Congress it will invariably be presented the report of the International Executive Council management including the financial report.

Article 23-The World Trade Union Congress quorum is constituted with a majority of affiliated organizations.

CHAPTER IV- The continental and/or

regional trade union congress

Article 24 - The continental and/or regional trade union congress will be held every five years, with the same procedure and rules framed to the World Trade Union Congress, except that its powers and functions are limited to the respective field.

Article 25 – The continental and / or regional trade union congress will be convened by the International Executive Council of the WFTU.

CHAPTER V- The International University of Workers

Article 26 - The International University of Worker is an educational institution belonging to the WFTU, with autonomy to carry out its duties.

Article 27 - The International University of Workers will have campus in all countries. The General Director form part of the Executive Council of the WFTU.

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