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## 26. The WFTU's TUI

**Abstract:** The Trade Unions International (TUI), along with the national, regional and/or continental unions, is fundamental support of the WFTU. It sets out to construct organizational structure by industrial branch, in all the work processes, at international level.

### 1. Introduction

The Trade Unions International (TUI) of professional branches, are organizations that are part of the organizational structure of World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and have one long trajectory. For the WFTU the TUI have a high value and they constitute one of its basic organizational support.

The TUI were created in the different industrial branches by agreement from the World Trade Union Conference held in 1945 in London and Paris, rise to the World Federation of Trade Unions. The 2° World Trade Union Congress, held in 1949, in Milan, Italy, determined the modalities for the operation of the TUI. With time, these became international organizations with its own personality for the action filed by labor union, the unit and solidarity between the integral union organizations of each TUI and altogether with the WFTU.

### 2- Construction of structure

In the construction of structure the Trade Unions International have greater importance. Some have been reorganized recently, others come from before, but its operation is very unequal and, in some cases it is encouraging but, in others, it is null.

Historically, the TUI have been one of the basic pillars of the WFTU. Today, it is necessary to become dynamical to the present ones and to create new ones.

For it, it would agree the need to criterion to construct and/or to reorganize the TUI. Considering that the modern form of the proletariat is in great unions of industry by branch of productive activity, the FTE of Mexico suggests defining to the great sectors towards where to direct the efforts for the construction of the TUI, indeed, by industrial branch at international level, for example:

- a) Energy
- b) Telecommunications
- c) Mining, metallurgy and metal
- d) Chemistry
- e) Transport
- f) Construction
- g) Agriculture, forest and sea
- h) Editorial
- i) Textile
- j) Alimentary
- k) Brewery
- l) Education
- m) Health
- n) Culture and art
- o) Informatics and social communication
- p) Science and technology

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- q) Tourism
- r) Bank and finances
- s) Commerce and services
- t) Public administration

### 3- Conclusions

Along with national, regional and/or continental centrals, the TUI can contribute to the unit, solidarity and dynamics of the workers, in this last case, by branch of economic activity.

### PROPOSALS

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

#### STRUCTURE OF THE WFTU

CHAPTER VI - National, regional and/or continental Unions.

Article 28 - The national, regional and/or continental unions constitute the organizational pillar of the WFTU.

Article 29 - The national, regional and/or continental unions, and the Trade Unions International, integrate the World Union Congress and the regional and/or continental congresses.

Article 30 - The internal organization and operation of the national, regional and/or continental centrals correspond to the indicated in their own norms.

#### CHAPTER VII- Trade Unions International

Article 31 - The Trade Unions International are a fundamental pillar of the WFTU.

Article 32 - The Trade Unions International are organized by industrial branch of activity in all the sectors of the economic and social production, and integrate the workers who participate in the same work processes or similar.

Article 33 - The Trade Unions International will work according to their own norms, and will celebrate international congresses, and continental and/or regional conferences, every five years, to call by the WFTU International Executive Council and the corresponding international representations of the Trade Unions International.

Article 34 - The presidents and general secretaries of the Trade Unions International form part of the International Executive Council of the WFTU.

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