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Proposals of the FTE of MEXICO

## 33. Criticism and self-criticism

**ABSTRACT:** The work, responsibility and cooperation between the affiliated, representatives and officials, of the WFTU are very unequal. This situation must be surpassed.

### 1. Introduction

The WFTU could survive the fall of the European socialism by the indomitable effort of a small group headed by V. Pacho. Today, the WFTU is in reconstruction and it has advances.

In first instance, we recognize the effort of G. Mavrikos and the support of the PAME of Greece. Also we recognize the commendable work that makes V. Pacho. The recognition is greater if it is considered that their activities make them with modest resources.

Also we recognize the support of some national union centrals, TUI and unions.

There is, however, situations that outline the necessary critic and self-criticism among the affiliated members.

The following considerations we do them with base in the calls of G. Mavrikos, General Secretary of the WFTU.

In first place, the FTE assumes the self-criticism, by our limitations, nevertheless the efforts that we carry out.

### 2- Critic and self-criticism

#### 2.1 Limited answer before the conflicts.

In the world is happening a set of economic, social, union and environmental political facts

that require be reply. The WFTU had to be present in all. In some cases, it has done it well; in others, it has not been possible.

The presence of the WFTU is debilitated at world-wide level. The attention to the space of the ILO is not excluded but it is very limited. The requirements of the movement exceed by far those discredited organisms.

#### 2.2 Deficiencies in the communication.

The electronic page of the WFTU has improved and is the main communication channel with the affiliated ones. This, nevertheless, is limited. Other forms, as the personal communications are still more limited. It has arrived that there is not reply to the electronic mails, no even opinions to the respective subjects.

#### 2.3. Deficient operation of representatives

It is known very little about activities of the members of the Secretariat. It gives the impression that several of them are only at a nominal level. The same it could be said of some Vice-presidents, because we lack information.

About the officials, who represent the WFTU before international organisms, we do

2011, *elektron 11 (33) 2*, FTE of Mexico not know their work. During neither last five years we have not received nor a single electronic mail that informs into their activities.

The TUI are very important for the WFTU but, only some work and among these, there are appreciable cases. There are others were reorganized by far effort. The representation positions were granted and already the results are underneath zero.

In such conditions, it is impossible that only two secretaries of the WFTU can give answer to so many problems that our movement has.

## 2.4 Lack of technical, political and theoretical elaboration

One of the most important tasks for the effective presence of the WFTU is its proposals. For that, it is required to construct the theoretical, technical and political bases, in the diverse fields and sectors. For many problems, the policy of the WFTU is very general.

## 2.5 Lack of economic cooperation

Most of affiliated organizations to the WFTU they cooperate not even symbolically. Very few we contributed precise, some plus others less, but many are in zero. This is not correct. All we must cooperate economically, according to our possibilities but not abstaining because justification does not exist.

## 2.6 Affiliated that does not defend to the WFTU

The image of the WFTU had to be taken care of by all. But, some affiliated do not do it. There are some who not even mention the WFTU. Others, are said of the WFTU but they are sung to sleep by the ITUC, specially, the AFL-CIO. This is not correct.

## 2.7 Some unilateral decisions

Some promote unnecessary difficulties between the affiliated ones, imposing unilateral decisions.

The personal designation of “coordinators”, without taking care of the merits, militancy with the WFTU, without obligation to render accounts, and excluding the affiliated ones, is not correct nor aid to the WFTU.

It is known that these “decisions” have also happened in several countries of the region. “So politics” it does not work, this is anti-statutory and it does not give useful results for the WFTU.

## 3- Conclusions

The WFTU cannot only depend on effort of the representatives. It is necessary to support them. The tasks are very vast.

The WFTU requires three fundamental questions: 1 - redefining the functional structure of the organization, 2 – A more committed militancy of its members and, 3 – A consistent policy of representatives and affiliates.

## PROPOSALS

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

- 1- The WFTU must be represented only by union leaders elected by their bases and not by officials.
- 2- All members should contribute financial, technical, organizational and politically with the WFTU.
- 3- No current representative has not breached its duties should be re-elected to any position.