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## 24. WFTU's structure

**ABSTRACT:** To define a new functional structure of the WFTU is a need to address the many activities and respond to the pressing problems of our movement.

### 1. Introduction

This part is essential and should be considered with special attention because the current structure of the WFTU is insufficient.

One of the great political tasks of the moment for the WFTU is the construction of structure. This is NOT an easy task but is essential. This task is about several levels and includes the internal functional structure itself.

### 2- The fundamental structure

For many reasons, it is clear that the current structure of the WFTU is not desirable, even less their representative bodies.

It should be then defined a new internal structure indicating specific aspects and requirements for the proposals to be viable.

Today, main thing about the structure is the World Trade Union Congress, the General Council, the Presidential Council and the Secretariat. The main weakness is in the composition of the Secretariat.

In the present proposal it is been define the World Trade Union Congress as the main authority and representation of the WFTU. It is proposed to create the Regional Trade Union Congress, by continent and / or regions in order to streamline activities and drive the decisions of the World Trade Union Congress.

These Congresses would be held every five years.

The Presidential Council would now be called the International Executive Council been able continental and / or regional Executive Councils.

The Secretariat would be restructured to integrate with ten secretariats, referred to the main activities to be performed by the general representation of the WFTU.

### 3- Conclusions

In the reconstruction process of the WFTU is convenient to define the authority and representation of it, and its key players: the World Trade Union Congress and the Continental and Regional Trade Union Congress and the Trade Unions International.

## PROPOSALS

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

### WFTU's STRUCTURE

#### CHAPTER II - Structure and Representation

Article 8- The authority and representation of the WFTU is exercised

through the following organizations:

- a. World Trade Union Congress,
- b. Regional Trade Union Congresses,
- c. General Council,
- d. International Executive Council,
- e. International Secretariat.
- f. Regional Secretariats.

Article 9- The highest authority of the WFTU is the World Trade Union Congress.

Article 10-All affiliated and fraternal organizations to the WFTU are part of the World Trade Union Congress.

Article 11 - All affiliates and fraternal organizations in the region are part of the Continental or Regional Trade Union Congress.

Article 12 - The General Council is the highest instance among Congress and Congress. It is formed with two representatives from each affiliated organization for consultation, study and appropriate decisions, and will meet at the call of the Executive Council.

Article 13- The International Executive Council represents the general interest of the WFTU in accordance with the Statutes of this one and the agreements of World Trade Union Congress.

Article 14- Constitute the Executive Council of the WFTU the following

positions:

- a. Presidency.
- b. Ten Vice-presidencies.
- c. General Secretariat.
- d. Assistant General Secretary.
- e. Ten secretariats.
- f. Ten Regional Secretariats,
- g. Financial Control Committee.
- h. Technical Commission.
- i. TUI's presidencies.
- j. TUI's General Secretariats.
- k. University General Director of the International University of Workers.

Article 15-The President of the WFTU chairs the International Executive Council.

Article 16-The WFTU Secretariat is established for the following positions:

- a. General Secretary.
- b. Deputy General Secretary.
- c. Organization Secretary.
- d. Secretary of finance.
- e. Secretary of energy.
- f. Secretary of education, science and culture.
- g. Secretary of health and medicine of work.
- h. Secretary of press and media
- i. Secretary of labor and social security.
- j. Secretary of international relations.

Article 17-The General Secretary chairs the International Secretariat.