



International Trade Union Confederation

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Agenda item 5(b)(iii)**Emergency Resolutions****Combatting the Far Right**

Congress expresses deep concern at the growth of far-right extremism, neo-fascism, totalitarianism, authoritarianism and tyranny. Congress deplores the incursion of the extremist right, with its promotion of hatred and division, into politics in every region, compromising the very foundations of democracy and human rights and threatening peace by fuelling existing conflicts, generating new conflicts and fomenting violence. Far-right ideologies are gaining momentum around the world, and the strategies for financing and supporting this need to be exposed and combatted.

The far right has continued to fuel authoritarian, dictatorial, supremacist and nationalist regimes which are denying and suppressing universal freedoms and rights including trade union rights, and attacking free, democratic and independent trade unions. Their narratives foment racism, misogyny and hatred against marginalised groups.

Free and democratic trade unions are vital defenders of democracy, holding the values of equality, solidarity, justice and inclusion, and advancing the realisation of full democratic participation, equal rights and equal opportunities for all. Defeating the far right is a task of fundamental importance for trade unions. The New Social Contract is central to turning back the tide of right-wing extremism and building and maintaining democracy.

Congress stands with unions everywhere which are mobilising and fighting against the extreme right, and commits to supporting international, interregional, regional and national trade union strategies to turn back the tide of right-wing extremism.