

International Trade Union Confederation 4th WORLD CONGRESS

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Emergency Resolution on the Labour law reforms in Hungary

The 4th Congress of the ITUC, which took place on 2-7 December 2018 in Copenhagen, was informed about the planned anti-employee amendment of the labour code in Hungary.

Increasing competitiveness should not be based on the deterioration of workers' conditions and on cutting their rights - neither in Hungary nor in other countries of the European Union or any other part of the world.

On behalf of 331 Organisations from 163 countries and territories and 207 million workers, the ITUC opposes the submitted draft amendment of the governing FIDESZ, which intends to increase the overtime threshold to 400 hours per year and to expand the period for balancing extra-hours from 12 to 36. A financial compensation for extra-hours would then follow only after three years.

The delegates of the 4th ITUC Congress support the protests of Hungarian workers on 8 December in the streets of Hungary, and urges the Hungarian Government to withdraw the draft bill, as it undermines national common practice and violates minimum standards set out in the EU working time directive.