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Appeal to WFTU member organizations

Dear comrades, colleagues!

The Union of Trade Unions of Russia expresses its full support for the adopted 18th The World Congress of Trade Unions decided to hold actions and events on September 1, 2022 aimed at achieving world peace and ending wars and violence, to create conditions for the access of humanitarian aid to the civilian population in combat zones.

It is assumed that the participation of broad strata of workers in the planned actions around the world with the support of international trade unions should not only attract the attention of the ruling circles, but also have a positive impact on both their domestic and foreign national policies.

However, the Union of Trade Unions of Russia believes that holding even such large-scale, but one-time actions is extremely insufficient to achieve the lofty goals set for trade union organizations and their associations. Today, due to the actions of individual trade unions controlled by transnational corporations and hiding behind false slogans of labor solidarity, the world trade union movement is experiencing a profound crisis. Formally, we exist as an international organization, but it is difficult to talk about the world solidarity of workers in the current conditions! And, consequently, we are actually unable to exert any influence on global decision-making. Trade Union the movement is divided, and the International Labor Organization has no significant influence on international decision-making, and the world elites are successfully using this, acting on behalf of the masses and workers, but in their own selfish interests!

The time has come to put an end to this silence and to return to the workers of the whole world the right to vote and the right to decide their fate and the fate of their states!

In connection with the above and guided by the ideas of world peace, the SPR considers it necessary to appeal to the leaders of trade unions and their associations.

Dear Comrades!

This appeal is addressed to the leaders of national trade unions and their associations, leaders of international associations, ordinary members of trade unions, ordinary workers and employees, entrepreneurs, who are the main driving forces of national economies, creating the basic benefits necessary for the life of people and for the development of society as a whole.

Today we are faced with an open challenge, once again thrown by world capital to all mankind. Still hiding behind the elegant slogans of the export version of Western democracy, no one from Western politicians is shy anymore the ultimate goals of the confrontation unleashed in Europe between the newly reared nationalist hydra and the national interests of the Russian Federation and other peace-loving peoples inhabiting Eurasia. The goal is the same: to bring to its knees, and if it fails, to weaken as much as possible not only the Russian economy, its political and economic influence in the world, but also the national economies of the European Union and return them to the former influence of the United States of America.

Political leaders of the United States of America and the European Union without looking back at the damage to their own national interests, they seek to damage Russia and its allies by any means. The economic sanctions imposed by the US and the EU have hit not only the Russian economy, but also the economies of the EU member states. As a result of the rash actions of the political leadership, the economic damage is borne by ordinary citizens, people in whose interests the leaders of states should act first of all. It is the welfare of their own citizens that national politicians should be concerned about, not the ambitions of world capital.

The Union of Trade Unions of Russia has always openly expressed its support for the coordinated actions of national trade unions and international associations aimed at the freedom of action of trade unions and the practical implementation of the principle of international solidarity of workers in the struggle for their labor and social rights.

And today, the Union of Trade Unions of Russia once again appeals to the leaders of national trade unions, their associations, to the leaders of international trade unions, to the leaders of the International Labor Organization to unite and act as one in defense of their national interests, in defense of the interests of nationaleconomies, in defense of the interests of their members, to raise the flag of the international human labor solidarity movement around the world, for the mobilization of peace-loving forces against fascism and the next world war fomented by the imperialists.

Our goal is to prevent a large-scale war in Europe and its consequences, including the collapse of economies and impoverishment of the population.

In order to achieve these goals, the Union of Trade Unions of Russia proposes to organize a broad discussion with the participation of WFTU member organizations for discussions on the place and role of trade unions and their associations in the national and global economies, on new approaches of trade unions in upholding labor and social rights of workers, on the role of trade unions in decision-making concerning the development, implementation and evaluation of national and international strategies and programs, including employment policy, sectoral strategies, regulatory programs labor force and technology transfer, practical mechanisms of international workers' solidarity.

Following the discussion, we propose to hold an international conference with the participation of national trade unions to affirm the position of the WFTU in order to consolidate workers in the struggle for peace and a decent life of people whose hands are creating the world's goods and assets today.

I sincerely hope for support and solidarity,

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