Resolution No. 9
Bangladesh
Rana Plaza Calamity

The 9th ITUC-AP General Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 25 - 26 November 2013:

PROFOUND REGRET at the massive loss of workers lives in the Rana Plaza building in Bangladesh;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that this tragedy happened because of the callous attitude of the management and authorities towards workers’ safety and denial of trade union rights;

RECALLS that industrial accidents causing deaths of large number of workers occur in Bangladesh with frightening frequency;

DEMANDS the payment of adequate compensation to the victims’ families immediately;

URGES all buyers to adhere to the agreement to ensure international standards on health and safety, worker-friendly environment, decent work and effective exercise of right to organise and bargain collectively;

URGES GOVERNMENT to implement safety standards and trade union rights including in EPZs; and

ALSO URGES THE ITUC-AP
1. to work closely with the GUFs on this matter; and
2. to monitor the progress and report to the Regional General Council.