Resolution No. 2

MYANMAR, MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER COUP

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DENOUNCES the military coup that took place in Myanmar on 1 February 2021 and the crimes against humanity committed by the Myanmar military since the coup;

NOTES WITH CONCERN that the military has killed 2,239 people including children and has reportedly arrested, charged or sentenced 15,268 people, including 301 trade unionists for participating in the civil disobedience movement (CDM);

FURTHER NOTES WITH CONCERN as of now 53 trade unionists and worker activists on record have been killed by the military. The military regime has shot and killed one member of the copper mine union, arrested and burnt to death seven copper mine union members, arrested (100) CTUM members, issued warrants for all (27) CTUM Central Committee members, declared the passports of all (27) CTUM Central Committee members as void and declared the President of the CTUM Brother Maung Maung as a non-citizen of Burma; whereas trade unions cannot function with 1,979 trade union leaders and activists put under criminal charges and forced into hiding;

RECOGNISES the National Unity Government (NUG) and the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) as the only legitimate representatives of the democratic wishes of the people of Myanmar;

CONDEMNS in the strongest term the human rights atrocities committed by the military junta; the labour exploitations, freedom of association violations by employers taking advantage of the coup and failed due diligence of the multinational companies; condemns the violations of the UN General Assembly resolution No.75/287 on stoppage of arms flow to Myanmar by international governments namely China, Pakistan, Russia and Serbia;

EXTENDS full support and solidarity to the trade union movement, the workers and the people of Myanmar in their struggle to reclaim peace, justice and democracy, in particular, the Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar (CTUM) whose members have been harassed, detained and killed for actively taking part in the civil disobedience movement;
CALLS

(a) to continue support the campaign on NUG recognition at the UN and bilateral level;

(b) to put pressure on Asian governments and multinational companies to observe the No.75/287 UN General Assembly, cease the flow of arms as well as fuel, goods and technologies to the military junta for policing, surveillance and military attacks against the protesters and civilians in Myanmar;

(c) to continue support the Comprehensive Economic Sanction Campaign led by CTUM and more than 200 organisations inside Myanmar, including the withdrawal of the Everything But Arms trade preference of the EU, suspension of financial flows to the military junta, and divestment by multinational companies; and

(d) to continue supporting CTUM, the Myanmar Labour Alliance and the struggle of the Myanmar people for restoration of democracy in Myanmar.