Resolution No. 1
Stability and Prosperity in Pakistan through Decent Work for All
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NOTES WITH CONCERN Pakistan has been in a serious economic and social crisis on the brink of sovereign default with workers and their families having already suffered the most and the increasing number of people having been plunged into below the level of subsistence;

FURTHER NOTES a real threat to geopolitical insecurity has been rising from the country’s economic and political instability;

UNDERSTANDS that this devastating situation is attributable to various causes including economic mismanagement, political instability and natural calamities including destructive floods;

HOWEVER, OBSERVES that this economic turmoil is inevitable without the realisation of a longstanding demand of workers in Pakistan – decent work for all;

RECOGNISES that a structural reform for a decent work-centred recovery based on a new social contract with decent jobs, rights, social protection, inclusion and equality is the only long-term solution to turn this crisis into an opportunity to build a sustainable, inclusive and resilient Pakistan;

STRONGLY DEMANDS the government of Pakistan must invite social partners without delay, if possible, together with international and regional financial institutions, to a social dialogue for a decent work-centred reform as well as an adequate and immediate relief action for people. Social dialogue is the most effective institution for overcoming the crisis towards sustainable and inclusive development for all;

URGES the international fora such as the Group of 20, as well as the international and regional financial institutions, including the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank to ramp up their urgent support to relieve millions of people’s suffering and hardship, including through necessary social safety nets for workers and their families;

CALLS ON the International Monetary Fund, together with multilateral donors, to make their bail-out and restructuring plan and substantive debt relief, including debt cancelation, to promote the decent work-centred
recovery for all towards the long-term stability and prosperity of Pakistan;

**ALSO URGES**

public as well as private creditors of Pakistan’s sovereign debt an immediate and decisive debt relief. Any additional loan is not an option;

**CALLS ON**

the ITUC-Asia Pacific affiliates to stand in solidarity with all workers of Pakistan in their struggles for the livelihoods of all in the economic crisis by upholding justice, equality and rights; and

**RESOLVES**

that the ITUC-Asia Pacific, together with the ITUC, shall take any necessary action to support all workers in Pakistan, including facilitating a dialogue with international financial institutions and multilateral agencies, building and strengthening capacity among workers to understand the crisis as well as our struggles to overcome it.