



Trade Union international of Workers in the Energy, the Metal, the Chemistry, the Oil and Allied Industries (UIS-TEMQPIA). World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF ENERGY WORKERS: ELECTRIC POWER, OIL, GAS, NUCLEAR ENERGY, WATER, CHEMISTRY AND ENERGY MINERS.

C O N V O C A T I O N

Energy and water are topics of strategic interest for workers and people of the world. The energy natural resources are an element of world dispute and center of the neoliberal politics based on privatizations. The imperialism and corporations of the energy and the water carry out, illegally and/or by means of the war, actions of private appropriation of the social property, as well as the natural resources as of the basic means of production, to guarantee sure energy supplies. The workers are not unaware to these matters; in several parts of the world we are fighting, and we are creating alternative offers and opposite proposals to the neoliberalism.

INTRODUCTION

The world energy scenario - The biggest use of energy and water in the world concentrates on the highly developed countries whose make inefficient use wasting resources, mainly those that are not of them. This has come producing a persistent one "crisis" more and more serious. The energy and water natural resources are unequally distributed in the world. The growing demand, the irrational use, the speculation in the markets, and the limitless desire for the private gain, it is driving to the world toward a sensitive reduction in the available energy and aquifer reserves. In a brief term, the prices of the crude petroleum and its derivatives, as well as the rates of the water, they could increase considerably. The worst thing would be a drastic reduction of hydrocarbons and profitable basins of water because, the demand continues growing, the available reservoirs are in decline and new outstanding discoveries don't exist. The world is in a possible threshold of serious consequences for the peoples, all adverse ones, result of the capitalist crisis.

The world energy politics - Determined for the powers, the world energy politics is characterized for: 1 - the use of fossil fuels and, 2 - the private appropriation of the energy natural resources. In diverse projections, the oil would continue dominating until the year 2030, followed by the coal and the natural gas. All the fossil fuels are polluting and they produce big emissions of dioxide of carbon (CO₂). The transport and the electric generation are the sectors that more they contribute to these noxious emissions

for the climate and the life in the planet. The energy alternatives are still in development, their costs are high and their participation is relatively marginal. But, the renewable energy could help to reduce some environmental problems. On the other hand, it is crucial to promote the scientific and technological development for the shared benefit of the alternating sources of energy. The nuclear power is an offer that continues in debate. The developed countries continue sending their radioactive wastes to other countries while they deny the right to the scientific and industrial development of this energy source to who defend their energy sovereignty, like it is the case of Iran.

The peoples' struggle - In the energy panorama of the world the key of the dispute is in the right of property. The imperialistic corporations, and their governments, promote the private appropriation of the natural resources and the physical infrastructure intensely. The privatizations consist on the expropriation of the main phases of the working processes. This way, the corporations exercise the control of raw materials, the electric systems, nets of ducts, basins of water and industrial infrastructure, at the same time that, they harm the concept of public service.

The privatizations constitute the main aspect of the neoliberal politics. In the energy and water sectors, the imperialism has imposed the privatizations in many countries and continents, by the illegal road, the unilateral appropriation or the aggression war. In several cases, the answer of the workers and peoples has been scarce and, even, null. Nevertheless, in unequal battle, other peoples have risen, especially in Latin America, Middle East and Asia, resisting to defend, to rescue and to put the resources and industry of the energy and water to the service of the social development; it is the fight for the energy and water sovereignty of all nations.

In the context of the international solidarity, so that the peoples can be developed, it is necessary to recognize the right to energy and water like basic social rights without which it is not possible a worthy life.

The energy and water politics of the workers - Energy and water, in their uses and diverse applications, it should be a humanity's social right and, the energy and aquifer resources and industrial infrastructure should be social collective property of the nations. Energy workers propose the use and utilization of all energy and aquifer sources for the social development, never for the war, and we are part of the struggle of peoples that, in several countries, we defend the national sovereignty, workers and peoples' rights, and humanity's future.

Our energy and water politics are in function of the interests of the peoples, it implies the right of social collective property, an own energy politics guided to the social development and the integration of the energy and water working processes, incorporating socially to the organized people to monitor over the correct operation of these sectors and to make effective the independence and sovereignty of the nations.

Unity, organization and workers' rights - Unity of workers of the world is a proposal of full validity. To sum up it, it is necessary to unite the numeric force of the workers, by means of the organization, and to guide the struggle with an appropriate program and action plan. With this reason, it is of high importance that workers meet us and, in a collective and democratic discussion, let us analyze current situation and let us project next actions that allow us to sum up diverse struggles that are in progress in several parts of the planet successfully.

TUI of Energy - Having as antecedent to the Trade Union International of Mining Workers, founded in Florence, Italy, in July 1949, in 1983, the field of action was broadening to include energy workers. In the former Czechoslovakia, in 1986, was constituted the Trade Union International of Energy Workers (ENERGY TUI). With the collapse of the socialist field in Oriental Europe, this TUI interrupted its activities. Then, in Havana, Cuba, in 1998, trade unions of the energy, metal, oil, chemistry, and allied industries were reorganized, arising the Trade Union International of Workers in the Energy, the Metal, the Chemistry, the Oil and Allied Industries (UIS-TEMPQIA). Later, several organizations have affiliated and others are in route to do it.

This TUI since its constitution has carried out important actions in defense of the workers' rights and an important struggle without truce against the privatizations of the energy facing neoliberal governments in several countries. In Mexico, for example, the Electricians' Mexican Trade Union (SME)

continues in foot of struggle to impede the privatization of the electric industry. Equally, in many other countries the resistance of workers against privatizations has been very important.

The last events of the of workers' big struggles in other sectors like the metallurgists, miners and similar, as well as the accumulated experience, has forced to the TUI's Secretariat and to the WFTU to restructure the current TUI appropriately to achieve a more effective function, such as, this Congress will open the way to two Trade Unions International: the TUI of the energy (ENERGY TUI) that will unify to the trade unions of electric power, oil, gas, water, nuclear energy, chemistry and energy miners; and, to the TUI of the mining, the metallurgy, the steel, and the metal industries (METAL TUI) that will unify to the trade unions of mining, metallurgy, steel and metal workers whose constituent congress is in progress.

Proletarian solidarity - Together with the development of the program and of the organization, the proletarian unity requires a strong international solidarity to share, to support and to make to progress the same classist fight. Our solidarity should be practiced and strengthened. Proletarians of all the countries, Unite!

CALL AND INVITATION

To analyze the energy and water world situation, as well as, the struggles and alternative of the workers, the Trade Union International of Workers in the Energy, the Metal, the Chemistry, the Oil and Allied Industries (UIS-TEMPQIA) and the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) we call and invite to the affiliated and fraternal organizations to participate in this event.

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The Congress will be developed according to the following basis.

BASIS

- 1- the International Trade Union Congress of Energy Workers will be carried out on September 26, 27 and 28, 2007, in Mexico City, having as headquarters to the Electricians' Mexican Trade Union (SME).
- 2- the International Congress will refer to the following one thematic:
 - a) Situation of energy and water, around the world and in each country.
 - b) Situation of the workers around the world and in each country
 - c) Discussion and approval of the political Document of orientation submitted to the Congress, as well as the new Statutes of the TUI ENERGY.
 - d) Election of the Executive Committee of the TUI ENERGY.
 - e) Final Declaration.
- 3- the International Trade Union Congress will be developed according to the following program:

September 26

08:30 hs. Inform of the ID Commission.

09:00 hs. Opening of the Congress.
10:00 hs. Inform of management of the UISTEMQPIA by the General Secretary.
11:00 hs. Economic report of the UISTEMQPIA by the Financial Commission.
12:00 hs. Discussion of the central political Document
a) the energy situation.
14:00 hs. Lunch.
16:00 hs. Discussion of the central political document: (continuation).
b) the water situation.
18:00 hs. Discussion of the central political document: (continuation)
c) the workers' situation.
20:00 hs. Break.

September 27

47th. anniversary of the nationalization of the electric industry of Mexico.
Special program.

September 28.

09:00 hs. Continuation of the debate.
d) Strategy and trade union actions.
12:00 hs. Discussion and approval of the Statutes of the ENERGY TUI.
14:00 hs. Lunch.
16:00 hs. Discussion and approval of the Congress' Resolutions.
17:00 hs. Election of the new Executive Committee of the ENERGY TUI
17:30:hs. Taking on position of the new Executive Committee of the ENERGY TUI.
18:00 hs. Message by the elect General Secretary of the ENERGY TUI.
18:30 hs. Final declaration of the Congress.
19:00 hs. Closing of the Congress.

- 4- each delegation will have a maximum of 8 minutes to express its intervention. There will be simultaneous interpretation in Spanish, English and French languages.
- 5- the sessions will be carried out in the facilities of the Electricians' Mexican Trade Union (SME), located on Antonio Caso Street Number 45, Colonia Tabacalera, in Mexico City.
- 6- regarding accreditation and registration of delegates:
 - a) Each affiliated and fraternal organization will be represented by 2 (two) delegates.
 - b) The expenses of delegates' travel will be paid by each organization.
 - c) The Electricians' Mexican Trade Union, as organization headquarters of the event, will cover all the expenses of the event, as also accommodation and transportation.
 - d) The number of delegates can be more but in this case each organization will have to pay their own expenses.
 - e) In the sessions of the Congress each delegation will count with only 2 (two) votes.
- 7- those delegates who require Visa they have to communicate appropriately with the Electricians' Mexican Trade Union (SME): uis-temqpia@sme.org.mx, sinmexel@sme.org.mx Fax: (00) 52-55-55357046 and 00-52-55-55477875. For the effects of the case, the diverse delegations will have to send complete names of their representatives, their nationality, specifying the number of their passports, emission dates and expiration, respectively. We request to all delegates who need the Visa, to call us as soon as possible to process the paper work of the visa; please, contact us.
- 8- for further information please be in touch with: Valentín Pacho, Deputy General Secretary of the WFTU and coordinator by the WFTU's Secretariat: valentin.pacho@hotmail.com and/or central Headquarters of the WFTU: info@wftucentral.org, vpacho@wftucentral.org, Telephone: +30-210-

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