

Appendix 11: Emergency Motion on Kamal Abbas

The conference notes that:

- 1) Kamal Abbas is the General coordinator of the centre for Trade Union and worker's services (CTUWS) in Egypt, an active affiliate of IFWEA and a member of the Global Network.
- 2) Kamal Abbas and his lawyer were arrested and sentenced to one-year imprisonment.
- 3) CTUWS has done every thing in its power, pending the outcome of a final appeal of the 26th of December 2007
- 4) The work of CTUWS and that of Kamal Abbas is fundamental for the education of worker's in Egypt and that his arrest and sentence will seriously prejudice it.

The Conference:

- 1) Expresses its concern over the harsh sentence imposed on Kamal Abbas, believing that it undermines the rights of expression and human rights.
- 2) Congratulates the ITUC and others for their support for our affiliates' cause and for the letters sent to President Mubbarak seeking intervention in this cause.
- 3) Asserts that CTUWS has long promoted social dialogue and that Kamal Abbas should not be prevented from carrying out legitimate role in delivering workers' education.
- 4) Demand that CTUWS be allowed to operate, for charges against Kamal Abbas to be dropped and for CTUWS offices to be reopened.