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**ITEM 12**

**RESOLUTION 7**

**CRIMINALISE CORPORATE HOMICIDE**

The XXXII World Congress of the International Federation of Metalworkers (IMF), in Gothenburg, Sweden, 24 - 28 May 2009, and

**CONSIDERING:**

1. That life and health are human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and that our only means of survival, as workers, is our physical and intellectual labour, our state of health is our only resource, our only capital.
2. That the ILO estimates that each year two million people die as a result of work-related accidents and diseases, approximately 160 million people suffer from work-related diseases 270 million people are the victims of fatal and non-fatal work-related accidents and that these accidents and diseases cause incalculable suffering to workers and their families.
3. That the ILO has estimated that the economic cost of workplace accidents and diseases is equivalent to four per cent of annual global GDP.
4. That Health and Safety at Work is protected by various ILO International Standards: Conventions 115, 120, 139, 148, 152, 155, 161, 162, 170, 176, 184 and 187.
5. That many employers, with the complicity of some governments, promote health and safety programmes based on an ideology focused on "unsafe acts". Workers are not to blame for work-related accidents, they are the victims. It is the responsibility of employers, as owners of the means of production, to provide an appropriate working environment and appropriate working conditions. If they do not do so and a fatal accident results from their oversight or negligence, they are committing corporate homicide.
6. Many governments fail to punish employers who are directly responsible for fatalities and the high incidence of work-related accidents in plants where thousands of workers are employed.

### **CONGRESS RESOLVES:**

7. That all IMF affiliates call on the governments of their respective countries to introduce the crime of Corporate Homicide for owners of the means of production who cause work-related accidents and disease by oversight or negligence. And that the IMF coordinates support for these initiatives through programmes and projects that seek to achieve compliance with this resolution.
8. That the IMF and its affiliates maintain a statistical record of fatal and non-fatal work-related accidents and diseases.
9. That IMF affiliates, together with the ILO, the Global Union Federations (GUFs) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) demand that governments ratify and comply with International Standards in general and those on Health and Safety in particular.

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