## Indian Workers' Convention in Solidarity with the people of Venezuela Against the Imperialist Aggression

19 March 2019, BTR Bhawan, New Delhi

## RESOLUTION

We, the class oriented trade unions in India affiliated to the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) representing the overwhelming multitudes of the Indian Working Class in this convention held on 19 March 2019, at BTR Bhawan, New Delhi, firmly and unequivocally

- Condemn US-led imperialist aggression in the internal matter of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela scuttling the sovereign rights of the people of Venezuela, continuing its criminal tradition of interfering in the internal affairs of other countries
- ➤ Declare that the planned campaign and action by the US and its allies against the democratically elected Maduro government, creating dual power in the country is totally against the 'Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations'. It is not only illegitimate, uncalled for and undemocratic but also the part of a strategy of creating a situation of civil war endangering the sovereignty of Venezuela to pursue the imperialist economic interests.
- ➤ Recall that USA in 2002 also tried a coup against the mass leader Hugo Chavez and continued to impose inhuman economic sanctions.
- ➤ Condemn the acts of USA freezing \$7 billion of Venezuelan state oil company's (PDVSA) assets and giving access to the Venezuelan state assets to the UK, blocking the legitimately elected Maduro government from withdrawing \$1.2 billion worth of gold deposited in the Bank of England which are brazen violation of international laws.
- ➤ Denounce the attitude of the Modi Government deviating from India's most popular foreign policy, refusing to come out categorically in defence of Venezuela's sovereignty and the right of its own people to decide their political leadership. Further, India's own national interest in bringing oil from Venezuela is coming under severe strain due to US sanctions.

- Demands the government of India must reiterate its long cherished policy of long standing friendship and mutual co-operation with the Venezuelan people, and not to succumb to the pressure of Donald Trump's calls against Venezuela.
- Firmly believe that the imperialist efforts in Venezuela will be foiled by the people and the working class of Venezuela and congratulate them for bravely fighting the imperialist aggression defending the sovereignty of the country and the democratically elected President Maduro.
- ➤ We denounce and condemn the biased and prejudiced coverage by the international and Indian media with misleading stories to support the group rival to the elected Bolivarian Government of Republic of Venezuela. This actually helps the imperialist forces to destabilize the elected governments in various parts of the world, which has been witnessed even in earlier times.

Finally, the Convention appeals to the Indian working class and the patriotic people of the country to mobilize mass of the people in support of the people of Venezuela.

On behalf of Indian Working Class

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