



**RESOLUTION ON SURINAM**

The General Council, meeting in its 3<sup>rd</sup> session in Washington, DC, on 12–14 December 2007

- RECALLING** With horror and sadness how 25 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1982, fifteen opponents of the military regime in Surinam fell victim to a brutal extra-judicial killing in Fort Zeelandia, Paramaribo. Among them was Cyrill Daal, the President of De Moederbond affiliated to the then ICFTU.
- REMEMBERING** Cyrill Daal as a committed trade union leader and paying tribute to his contribution to the cause of free and democratic trade unionism in Surinam;
- NOTING** That the events of 8<sup>th</sup> December 1982 have left deep scars in Surinam society and have inflicted serious damage upon the trade union movement in Surinam.
- REFERRING** To the resolution of the ICFTU Executive Board meeting in Brussels from 27-29 November 2002, in which the Government of Surinam was urged to put an end to impunity and to take action to ensure that the murderers of 25 years ago were taken to court
- WELCOMES** The fact that the killings of December 8<sup>th</sup> 1982 have finally been brought to court in Surinam
- EXPRESSES** Hope that the Court will be able to proceed with full cooperation of all parties involved and that in the near future justice will be done to the victims of the December killings.

APPEALS

To the Government of Surinam to create an environment favourable for trade unions to defend the interests of their members.

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