



RESOLUTION ON GUINEA

The 5th General Council of the ITUC, meeting in Berlin from 6 to 8 October 2009

- CONDEMNS** the exceptional gravity of the brutal repression in Conakry on Monday 28 September, which left a toll of over 150 deaths, with 1200 people injured and numerous cases of raping and mutilation of women in the open streets.
- DENOUNCES** the lack of guarantees regarding the respect of essential freedoms, including trade union rights and freedom of expression.
- UNDERLINES** the increasingly tense and worsening nature of the prevailing climate in the Republic of Guinea, both politically and socially and in terms of security.
- DRAWS** attention to the continuing impunity in Guinea following the violations of human and trade union rights in 2006 and the repression in January and February 2007.
- DEMANDS** that the regime release all arrested persons immediately and unconditionally, hand over the mortal remains of the victims and provide full medical care to all those injured, including raped women.
- URGES** the regime immediately to re-establish full respect of the freedoms of association, expression and opinion and to revoke the words of the head of the junta regarding punishment of activities considered to be subversive.
- DEMANDS** that the international community, including the UN, the African Union, the European Union and the ECOWAS, do all in their power to enable the restoration of stability and democratic guarantees in Guinea.
- CALLS ON** the international negotiators to support an impartial, independent investigation aimed at removing the impunity surrounding the deeds committed since 2006, and particularly those of Monday 28 September. To that end, the Council supports bringing before an international criminal court those identified as responsible for perpetrating or ordering all these human rights violations based on a list of charges including all the reported deeds. It also calls

on the African Union and other international bodies to set up a peace negotiating group that will include leaders in countries surrounding Guinea to meet outside Guinea together with various fractions of the conflict, to negotiate on the issue and sign to a communiqué; any violator must face the full penalty of the law.

INSISTS that measures be taken by all affected governments around the world including targeted sanctions against the members of the ruling junta and the perpetrators of these violent acts. The sanctions should consist of freezing the assets of, and banning entry to the material and intellectual perpetrators of these revolting violations of human rights. It is vital that such measures be taken immediately.

INSISTS on the sending of a peace force responsible for protecting the Guinean people. The force must ensure that the soldiers return immediately to their barracks and provide for a restructuring of the country's army.

Accordingly, the General Council:

URGES all the ITUC's affiliated organisations to intensify their representations in solidarity with the workers and people of Guinea.

WILL CONTINUE to monitor very closely developments in the situation in Guinea, with a view to ensuring that this profound democratic crisis is ended and that the people of Guinea can live and work in full dignity.