



ITUC Statement Egypt

On the basis of recent discussions and the following actions undertaken by the Egyptian Government to respect the call of working people for genuine democracy, freedom and rights as central demands of the Egyptian revolution, the ITUC notes:

That the Egyptian Minister of Labour reaffirms commitment to the introduction of a new trade union law that enshrines freedom of association and respect for the other ILO core labour standards and gives assurances that this new law is being processed for adoption as soon as possible; and,

That confidence in the Government's commitment to Freedom of Association has increased, with the Ministerial order to end the compulsory requirement of membership of the former regimes' structure the ETUF as a condition for the issuing of work permits and of driving licenses for professional purposes.

The ITUC will therefore support the decision to not proceed at this time with the case of Egypt in the hearings of the ILO Committee on the Application of Standards next week at the 100th International Labour Conference.

The ITUC will continue to monitor implementation of these commitments, including through its contacts with the EFITU and any other legitimate and independent trade unions. The ITUC remains optimistic of a better future for Egyptian workers, and again congratulates the Egyptian people for their courage in the face of the oppression and corruption that sparked the Revolution.

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