



**RESOLUTION ON LABOUR RIGHTS IN OLYMPICS-LICENSED
PRODUCTION AND THE GLOBAL SPORTS MERCHANDISE AND SPORTS
EVENTS INDUSTRIES**

The ITUC General Council, meeting at its 2nd Session in Brussels on 20-22 June 2007

- NOTES** the widespread and persistent violations of fundamental workers' rights in the sports merchandise industry worldwide and the supply chains of Olympics-licensed products in particular;
- RECALLS** that the ITUC and its PlayFair campaign partners (ITGLWF and Clean Clothes Campaign) have since 2003 repeatedly drawn the attention of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the world community to these violations, most recently with the release of the report "No Medal for the Olympics" in June 2007, which received substantial international media coverage;
- DEPLORES** the refusal of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to engage constructively with the ITUC and its partners in the PlayFair campaign (ITGLWF and Clean Clothes Campaign) over proposals put to it by the campaign;
- NOTES** the invitation made by the IOC on 20 June to the PlayFair organisations to meet and discuss the issue;
- CALLS UPON** the IOC to take responsibility for ensuring respect for workers' rights at all levels in the production of Olympics merchandise and in other Olympics-related employment, including through contractual conditions in licences and the establishment of a complaints and remediation mechanism; and to use its authority as the world's peak sports body to promote respect for labour rights in the sports merchandise and sports events sectors, including through the incorporation of an appropriate reference in the Olympic Charter; and,
- URGES** all ITUC affiliates to fully support the PlayFair campaign, through maximum involvement of trade union members in the campaign, promoting public awareness and making representations in support of the campaign objectives to national olympics committees, sports ministries and other relevant government agencies and sports bodies.