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Agenda Item Proposed for 2nd
Tripartite Meeting, 27th January, 2015

Dear Asif Sahib,

As proposed in Lahore the additional agenda item for the above subject meeting regarding the Government of Pakistan stand on the matter of right of strike protected in Convention 87. PWF submits its proposal as under:-

For much of its history, the ILO supervisory system has carried out the important work of supervising the application of conventions and recommendations with the support of its tripartite constituents. Since 2012, however, the International Organization of Employers, has undermined the authority of the ILO independent Committee of Experts by challenging of the existence of a right to strike protected by Convention 87, a right that had been recognised to exist in principle by all ILO constituents for decades. Since 1924, the Committee of Experts has been mandated by the Governing Body to provide reasoned, independent observations on the implementation of conventions and recommendations in law and practice.

The right to strike is a powerful and fundamental foundation of democracy and economic justice. When employers refuse to negotiate with workers, when population raise up against dictatorship, people can withdraw their labour to balance the dominance and privilege of the few with the power of collective action. The attempt is that the global workforce is powerless and passive. The intention is to change the balance of power in the workplace and in society for the worse, and forever.

Virtually every country in the world recognizes that workers have the right to take strike action. Some 140 countries **including Pakistan** have it enshrined in their national constitutions, putting the right established over many decades at the International Labour Organization into law.

Through this attempt, the ILO procedures are paralysed, holding its vital work to ransom in order to get their way.

