

International Alliance in Support of Workers in Iran:

Resolution against the economic sanctions and threat of war on Iran

The International Alliance in Support of Workers in Iran (IASWI) strongly condemns militaristic policies of capitalism. IASWI is a part of the anti-capitalist movement, of the working class global front and the 99% of the world's population, for a real and enduring peace based on freedom, equality, social and economic justice and the abolition of exploitation.

IASWI strongly condemns the US and its allies' threat of military intervention and war against Iran. It also condemns the Islamic Republic of Iran's militaristic method of governance as a cause for intensifying the repression of workers and other toiling sectors in society struggling for their human rights.

Based on a position of working class independence and autonomy, IASWI considers the conflict between US, its allies and the ruling government in Iran capitalistic, repressive and anti-workers in nature. We resolutely oppose all militaristic, destructive, inhuman policies of the US and its allies and seek to continue gathering progressive and working class international support against the totality of the capitalist and anti-worker Islamic Republic of Iran.

IASWI is strongly opposed to the economic sanctions against Iran. These sanctions will result in further expansion of poverty, destitution and unemployment throughout the country. As a result of this policy, there has already been a drastic rise in the prices of goods, scarcity of basic food items and a rise in unemployment. The economic sanctions are primarily a further burden for the working class and poor in Iran, rather than the regime of Islamic Republic.

The economic sanctions and threats of war are nothing but inhuman instruments in the hands of world capitalism against the workers and poor in Iran. The Islamic Republic continues to use the threat of war and policy of economic sanctions as an excuse to further repress workers and disadvantaged people in Iran and intensify fear and intimidation throughout the country.

IASWI calls on all workers' and progressive movements throughout the world to raise the banner of class solidarity and:

- Condemn the threats of war and militarization and the economic sanctions pursued by the US and its allies against the people of Iran.
- Support the class-based movement and struggles of workers and toilers in Iran to create their own independent organizations, and achieve freedom of expression, assembly, protest and strike.
- To initiate and support international solidarity campaigns by:

- Condemning the threats of war and economic sanctions against Iran;
- Opposing the Islamic Republic's repression of workers and people's struggles in Iran;
- Supporting workers and progressive movements of Iran.

Long live international working class solidarity

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Urgent Call for Solidarity Actions:

Re: Economic sanctions, war and the working people struggle in Iran

Fellow workers, labour and progressive organizations around the world

The above resolution has been adopted by the International Alliance in Support of Workers in Iran (IASWI) on February 14, 2012 on economic sanctions and threats of war again people of Iran. IASWI is calling upon all labour and progressive organizations in the West and around the world to support fellow workers in Iran against: the economic sanctions, the US Administration's and its allies' drive to wage war and military aggressions against Iran, and against the repressive anti-worker regime ruling Iran.

Over the years, IASWI has consistently been declaring that what is taking place between the US and its allies and the Islamic Republic regime in Iran, has no progressive or legitimate sides. A working class and progressive position defends a real peace and the independence of the labour movement; a progressive position not only opposes any attempts to pursue war or economic sanctions against Iran, which would have catastrophic consequences for people in Iran, it ought, at the same time, support the ever-increasing workers' struggles against the repressive Islamic regime and capitalists in Iran, which are forcefully implementing the most aggressive and brutal anti-worker, anti-democratic and neo-liberal policies in this country's contemporary history.

It is time to take a bold stance on these issues. Support workers' struggles in Iran and oppose economic sanction and war! You can:

- **Form solidarity committees in collaboration with Iranian progressive and labour groups.**
- **Initiate and support solidarity campaigns, rallies and special events in support of workers and masses in Iran and against economic sanctions and war;**
- **Adopt solidarity resolutions in your meetings and conventions and pursue educational initiatives on these issues.**

Please refer to the following sample resolutions. Some of these resolutions were presented in resolution books in a number of unions/organizations internationally. We are urging all concerned labour and progressive organizations to adopt similar resolutions/statements against economic sanctions, threats of war and in support of workers' struggles in Iran against the repressive regime of Iran and for social and economic justice.

Sample resolutions:

Resolution in Support of Workers in Iran and against the war

WHEREAS Iranian workers have consistently witnessed the imposition of anti-labour and neo-liberal policies and practices and;

WHEREAS workers and deprived people in Iran do not have the right to organize and frequently face persecution, arrests and imprisonment;

WHEREAS, the US Administration's drive to impose economic sanctions and wage war against Iran has is not only disastrous and unacceptable under any pretext but also its main victims are always working class and their families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the takes a clear and strong stance against economic sanctions and any attempts by the US administration and its allies to pursue military interventions against Iran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the strongly condemns the persecution of labour activists by the Islamic Republic of Iran and supports the rights of workers and people in Iran to freely set up their independent workers' organizations and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as part of the worldwide struggles against corporate globalization and neo-liberalism, the ... will work with independent labour movements in Iran to strengthen a transparent worker-to-worker solidarity;

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IRANIAN WORKERS

The ... will:

- Condemn the persecution of labour activists in the Iran and support the right of Iranian workers to freely establish independent workers' organizations
- Work with independent labour organizations in Iran to strengthen worker-to-worker solidarity, as part of the world-wide struggle against capitalist and corporate globalization.
- Take a clear stand against economic sanctions and any attempts by the U.S. and its allies to pursue military interventions against Iran.

It will do so because:

- Anti-labour and repressive policies have consistently been imposed on Iranian workers
 - Iranian workers have no right to organize or strike and often face persecution, arrests and imprisonment
 - The US drive to war against Iran has been a pretext for disastrous attacks on workers' and human rights.
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Resolution in Support of Workers in Iran and against economic sanctions and the war

WHEREAS the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI), has imposed deplorable political, economic and social conditions on workers and impoverished strata of society;

WHEREAS Iranian workers have violently experienced the imposition of anti-labour and neo-liberal policies and practices of government and employers and;

WHEREAS the IRI dismantled independent workers' councils and syndicates, which were set up democratically and freely by workers in various sectors and industries after the 1979 revolution, and identified activists of such organizations, tried them for framed up unfounded charges in sham courts, expelled many from their workplace, and arrested and executed others;

WHEREAS workers in Iran continue to be deprived of the right to organize and strike and frequently face persecution, arrests and imprisonment and;

WHEREAS, the US Administration's drive to wage war against Iran has been a pretext for massive attacks on labour, civil, immigrant, and human rights;

WHEREAS economic sanctions and military intervention against Iran will be disastrous and unacceptable under any pretext and its main victims are surely the working people of Iran.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the and its affiliates strongly support the rights of Iranian workers to freely set up their independent workers' organizations and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ... calls for immediate and unconditional release of all arrested workers in Iran;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the worldwide struggles against capitalist globalization the... will work with independent labour movement in Iran to strengthen worker-to-worker solidarity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the takes a strong stand against economic sanctions and any attempts by the US government and its allies to pursue military interventions against Iran.

Résolution de l'Alliance Internationale pour le Soutien des Travailleurs en Iran

A propos des embargos économiques et la menace de guerre

L'Alliance Internationale pour le Soutien des Travailleurs en Iran condamne fermement les politiques militariste et l'expansionniste du capitalisme mondial.

Nous nous positionnons du côté des ouvriers du monde entier ainsi que le mouvement des 99% (anticapitaliste) pour défendre un paix durable basé sur la liberté, l'égalité et la justice sociale et nous luttons pour éliminer toutes sortes d'exploitation de l'Homme par l'Homme.

L'Alliance Internationale pour le Soutien des Travailleurs en Iran condamne avec force la menace d'intervention militaire en l'Iran par l'Etats-unis et ses alliés. Cette menace de guerre donne une occasion rare à la République Islamique d'Iran pour intensifier la répression envers des travailleurs et d'autres couches de population . En adoptant une position indépendante et en faveur des travailleurs l'Alliance Internationale pour le Soutien des Travailleurs en Iran affirme que les deux côtés de ce conflit mènent une politique de répression et sont anti-travailleurs. Nous luttons à la fois contre la politique militariste de l'Etats-Unis et ses alliés et contre la République Islamique d'Iran.

Nous sommes farouchement contre l'embargo économique car nous pensons que cet embargo intensifie la pauvreté et la misère et le chômage. Les conséquences de l'embargo est déjà ressentie par l'augmentation des prix , la pénurie de matières premières et également par le chômage massif des travailleurs.

L'embargo aura plutôt un effet dévastateur sur l'économie et la population que le gouvernement. Les travailleurs payeront un lourd tribu sous l'embargo. En effet, les sanctions économiques et menaces de guerre sont des outils les plus inhumains contre les travailleurs. Ces outils sont aussi à la disposition du régime capitaliste d'Iran pour réprimer encore plus les contestations des travailleurs et établir en même temps un climat de terreur .

Face à cette situation, l'Alliance Internationale pour le Soutien des Travailleurs en Iran demande aux travailleurs dans le monde ainsi qu' aux mouvements en faveur de la classe ouvrière de rejoindre à eux pour condamner l'embargo économique et les menaces d'intervention militaire en Iran et pour défendre les droits des travailleurs iraniens à savoir le droit de créer des syndicats indépendants, le droit de grève, la liberté d'expression et de réunion.

Agissons pour créer des campagnes internationales contre l'embargo et la menace de guerre et pour soutenir la lutte des travailleurs en Iran.

Vive la solidarité internationale de la classe ouvrières

L'Alliance Internationale pour le Soutien des Travailleurs en Iran

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