

TITLE OF THE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION: STOP Anti-Union Law and Pressure on Trade Unions in Kyrgyzstan

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ACKNOWLEDGING THAT in the midst of pandemic trade unions in Kyrgyzstan are fighting against government attempts to introduce anti-union law, put unions under the state control and persecute trade union leaders.

BELIVING THAT trade unions rights are human rights! Positive effect on the labour market from trade unions activities is hardly to overestimate. During and after COVID-19 crisis democracy, democratic rules and democratic governance are key in overcoming the current challenges - trade unions are the key actors in establishment and development of the democratic infrastructure of Kyrgyzstan as elsewhere in the world.

STRONGLY EMPAHISING THE FACT THAT along with trade unions rights reflected in Kyrgyzstan Constitution those are the part of many international agreements and conventions Kyrgyzstan is a part of. Freedom of association and rights for collective bargaining are the core rights that reflected in ILO conventions ratified by Kyrgyzstan.

NOTING that anti-Union Law in Kyrgyzstan undermine the freedom of association in Kyrgyzstan threatens the very existence of country's independent trade unions.

RECOGNIZING THAT BWI joined it's Kyrgyzstan affiliates in voicing strong protest to the imposition of a new anti-union draft law in 2019; government is interference in unions internal decision-making processes and prosecution of trade union leaders in 2020.

THEREFORE RESOLVED:

BWI European Regional Committee:

1. is expressing solidarity support to building and wood workers, all employees in Kyrgyzstan in their struggle against attack towards labour and union rights;
2. calls on Kyrgyzstan as a state to remove from parliamentary agenda this draft law without any delays, and act in full accordance with international labour conventions, which have been ratified by Kyrgyzstan;
3. strongly urges Kyrgyzstan government to immediately withdraw all criminal accusations and ensure the conduct of a proper and fair investigation on the legitimacy of the criminal cases lodged against trade union leaders.