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**TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION: 19. Resolution on Workers Organisations in countries where Trade Unions are Illegal**

**SUBMITTED BY: FNV, Netherlands**

**Understanding** that we, as trade unions, support the principle that each employee, anywhere in the world, has the right to join a trade union. However, we see that there is a need for the BWI to find ways to assist employees who work in a country where trade unions are not legal. Naturally, the primary duty of BWI remains helping employees to organise and set up strong trade unions in these countries. However, we are also required to offer these employees an alternative if a trade union cannot be founded or takes too long. The situation in Qatar is an excellent example, where the BWI is to be congratulated for their efforts to assist vulnerable workers.

We propose to Congress

That the BWI recognises the need to provide alternative mechanisms of supporting workers' efforts to form representative organisations in countries where Trade Unions are illegal.

That the World Board develops such alternative mechanisms and how the BWI can involve those workers in networks and to provide solidarity support for their efforts to recruit and organise.

That the BWI continues efforts and lobbying to demand Freedom of Association, the Right to Organise and to Collective Bargaining.

**SIGNATURE:**

***The above resolution was endorsed by BWI Congress in Durban South Africa.***