



**WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS**

## **STATEMENT**

**To: Mr. Juan Somavia, Director General of ILO**

Dear Mr. Somavia,

We believe that the appointment of the former General Secretary of ICFTU –later ITUC- in the position of Deputy Director General of ILO does not help the ILO or the International Trade Union movement.

Today, the ILO is suffering from lack of representativeness, equality and transparency. The appointment of the new Deputy Director General in this concrete position is unfortunately intensifying these characteristics. It is possible that, in a short period of time, these characteristics will be further worsened, that is, the existing monopoly to be more severe.

The trade union movement at national, sectoral and international level is losing prestige and credibility through this kind of practices. The fact that a trade unionist gets a so well-rewarded position of the ILO proves selfishness and anti-trade union perception. Therefore, through these actions, the prestige of both the ILO and the trade union movement is harmed.

The World Federation of Trade Unions is against such actions. We will keep struggling even stronger for democratization, equality, transparency and representativeness inside the ILO.



The Secretariat

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