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## **Mobilise for our rights as capitalism crashes into deeper crisis!**

### **Let's work to change the system itself!**

Workers International Struggle Initiatives (WORKINS) and the trade union section of the International League of Peoples Struggles call for an anti-imperialist united front to:

- **struggle to lift minimum wages everywhere;**
- **increase wages and working conditions;**
- **fiercely resist the privatization drive, and the intense attack on public services, pensions, and workers' rights in all countries by big finance capital.**
- **uphold migrant and refugee rights**

We must educate and mobilize a global workers' movement for democratic pro-people transformation of our economies. Otherwise the big capitalists will use the deepening crisis to foment racist divisions among workers and peoples to enable ever worse austerity and repression of democratic rights.

### **Expand economic struggles and turn them into political struggles**

This is the way to expand and strengthen the trade union movement. Socialism for our times is an answer to the shocking racism being promoted by big capitalists, especially in Europe and the USA. The massive Indian trade union general strike in September 2015 to increase the minimum wages and oppose a neo-liberal labor code shows what can be done.

The capitalists are pressing down wages, promoting labor 'flexibility', and stealing workers' social benefits – so our answer must be to strengthen the workers' and people's struggle to higher wages, regular jobs, better working conditions and genuine social change.

The Great Recession of 2008-09 is far from over, nor is the global economy experiencing "recovery". It is an ongoing global depression, with ever more desperate measures by Central Banks to kickstart profit growth. Big finance capital fears another crash.

More desperate political measures are being used to push back the successful workers and people's movements in Greece, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and France as they resist savage austerity and oust neo-liberal political parties in elections.

With the end of massive money printing by the US Treasury and Federal Reserve, Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela are being hit by economic crisis and open coup attempts by the corrupt neo-liberal forces supported by the US government.

As well, the global ecological crisis, as now manifest in global coral bleaching, continues to create climate refugees, cause deaths, and threaten the lives of hundreds of millions of people now and the prospects for future generations.

The poor countries, especially in Asia and Africa, continue to experience chronic high unemployment and under-employment. Low value-adding export sectors make them profoundly dependent on external conditions. Even Asia's richest economy, Japan, is struggling to break out of more than two decades of recession and deflation through the neo-liberal shock policies of the Abe government.

Every day thousands of men, women and children fleeing war and poverty finally meet death, on land or sea. Those who escape death - refugees or migrants - are exploited, assaulted. They confront racism, prostitution, drugs, corrupt officials and criminal gangs

As the competition between the imperial centers gets more desperate, the big US corporations have tried to seize the advantage by pushing the ultra neo-liberal schemes of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. These would impose US regulation on most of the globe. The European Union is doing the same in Africa. US corporations continue to press for the same goals through the World Trade Organisation but have largely been blocked by the farmers' movements in poor countries.

Working men and women everywhere are deeply questioning the capitalist system and on this May Day 2016 we must mobilise, unite and campaign for change to a democratic and sustainable world.

**Trade unions, migrant worker organisations, worker cooperatives and worker organizing centers are creating a renewed global workers' movement. Join it!**

- Increase the national minimum wages and working conditions in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific, and everywhere!
- Workers' rights instead of 'flexibilization' and 'contractualization'. Close down global placement agencies.
- Oppose imperial wars, oppose terrorism, uphold migrant and refugee rights.
- Strengthen the campaign against trade union repression and criminalization of worker and labor advocates.

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