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## 2021 Mayday Call by CTUM to The International Trade Unions and Workers to take action on the Myanmar regime

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of CTUM, the workers of Myanmar and the International Trade Union Community.

We are proud to be members of the international trade union family.

We are proud that we are participating in the Civil Disobedience Movement CDM to get rid of a regime and change towards a democratic federal country. And, we are also proud to report that our members successfully managed to stop the strategic mechanisms of the regime.

We are proud that our members are still taking part to the CDM actions, regardless of having to renounce to their salary, of being dismissed or even obliged to leave with their families the government accommodations. In fact, over two thousand civil service staff have been forcefully dismissed and moved out from their accommodations. Some leaders have been arrested and some will be arrested as warrants are issued for them.

Over hundreds of thousands private sector workers were obliged to leave their jobs, due to harassment on the roads and at the places where they live.

We are also proud of the moral and logistics support provided by the international trade union movement. We thank the members of the Council of Global Unions and all the affiliates of the ITUC and all the national centers for their concrete support.

In order to starve and drive out the regime, we call upon our friends to work on the following issues:

- **the international trade unions** are requested to campaign to obtain that the Insurance and re-insurance companies that insure the seaports / piers and airports in Myanmar to block or suspend their contracts. If there is no insurance on the Myanmar seaports, airports, no ships, from within ASEAN nor any part of the world will berth or land.
- **the shareholder divestment campaign groups** are requested to campaign on the Ethical investment funds / the Workers pension funds, to ask them to disinvest from companies, insurance underwriters so that no insurance will work with the Myanmar regime owned or licensed insurance companies.

- **the USA citizens** to start investigations into companies / individuals that work with the regime to deny them the use of USD which is reflected in President Joe Bidens Executive Order 14014 of 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021. This is simple, if the denial of the USD use is enforced, the regime and their companies cannot implement USD payment to all the Insurance companies. No diplomatic staff or their families can have personal bank accounts at US based banks or credit cards. Nor their families work or use US Mail service or Health service or even Public Transport and have US issued drivers' license.

We call for **Comprehensive Sanctions** – the most efficient way (time as well as lives) is to stop the insurance and re-insurance of the Yangon and Naypidaw ports / piers / airports / all the planes flying from Yangon / all the MEC- owned ships.

As announced by the ITUC to recognize the legitimate National Unity Government, we request the regional ITUC organizations to pressure their respective governments to provide international recognition.

We request the international trade unions to put our call in your Mayday resolutions.

CTUM reminds that, during the SPDC days it was the economic isolation that started from the ILO Resolution of 2000 that paved the way for change. We do not accept those experts and governments who say “we don't want to hurt the people”. The regime has shot and killed people in many cities and from Feb to April, has already killed over 740 persons. They are using jet fighters to strafe and bomb ethnic villages and nobody knows how many people have been killed up to now in the rural areas. They caused already more than 250.000 displaced persons.

The faster we oblige them to surrender and negotiate their leave, through isolation, the faster we will be saving our people and be able to build a new democratic peaceful federal country. This kind of aggressive action is the only language they understand.



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