



**WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS**

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**SOLIDARITY MESSAGE WITH THE GENERAL STRIKE IN PORTUGAL  
ON MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> 2012**

The World Federation of Trade Unions expresses its full solidarity to the CGTP-INTERSINDICAL and all Portuguese workers in the general strike called in Portugal on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to protest against the antilabour austerity measures that the Portuguese government, the UE and the IMF intend to implement in Portugal in order to make workers pay for the capitalist crisis.

The current crisis of capitalism proves once again that the capital is always trying to exit the crisis by loading its burdens on the working class and other poor popular strata.

The financial crisis along with the aggravated troubles that it brings against the working masses, constitutes a great, composite opportunity for the workers to realize their strength, to organize their own struggle, to bring forth their own priorities and their own needs, for their own path of social and economic development for the benefit of workers and not capitalists.

The World Federation of Trade sends a strong message of solidarity to the Portuguese workers in their struggle.

We believe that today the need of “coordinated struggles among all class-oriented trade union forces in Europe” is very big. It is necessary together with the struggle against the antilabour measures, to expose the role of compromised trade unions, the role of the bureaucrats of the trade union movement that are in reality supporting the strategies of multinationals.

**Workers united will never be defeated**

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