

Resolution No. 1

HONG KONG

The 22nd ITUC-Asia Pacific Regional General Council Meeting, Singapore, 13-14 October 2022

NOTES WITH CONCERN

eight trade unionists, including ex-general secretary and president of the defunct HKCTU, Lee Cheuk Yan and Carol Ng have remained in jail or pre-trial detention for more than a year under subversion and sedition charges. More ex-HKCTU leaders are restricted from travelling and questioned about the union's international relations by the national security police in the raid of HKCTU's offices in March;

FURTHER NOTES

that police has arrested more than 10,000 protesters in 2019 and 162 activists and journalists on national security charges. By now more than 100 civil society organisations, international human rights organisations and trade unions including the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU), as well as 4 press groups have been forced to disband or liquidated; eight independent trade unions are under procedure of de-registration;

CONDEMNS

the aggressive attacks, threats and intimidation against trade unions, human rights defenders and pro-democracy forces in Hong Kong; criminalisation of legitimate trade union rights and activities including solidarity and advocacies with international trade unions and organisations as national security threats by Hong Kong and Chinese authorities since the enactment of the PRC National Security Law in Hong Kong in 2020;

URGES

the authorities to respect of its international human rights obligations and the recommendations of the international treaty bodies such as the conclusions of the ILO Committee of Freedom of Association and the Committee of Application of Standards and UN Human Rights Committee;

DEMANDS

un-conditional release of the imprisoned trade unionists, human rights defenders and civilians under national security charges not compatible with international human rights standards; repeal of the national security law; continuous support from the international trade union movement to the independent trade unions in Hong Kong; and

CALLS

the ITUC-Asia Pacific affiliates to stand in solidarity with the independent trade unionists and people of Hong Kong in their fight for a democratic society and participate in the international campaigns of International Trade Union Confederation to maintain the space for normal trade union work through meetings, activities,

researches and programme support with the independent trade unions.