



**Congress Resolution 02-2019**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE HONG KONG PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY**

Proposed by the Executive Committee

**WHEREAS**, the extradition bill that would allow the Hong Kong authorities to transfer Hong Kong residents to mainland Chinese courts, was widely rejected by the people as it was perceived to be a grave violation of the “One Country, Two Systems” guarantee, bringing an extension of the Chinese legal system to Hong Kong.

**WHEREAS**, following the suspension of the extradition bill in Hong Kong, police brutality heightened against protesters and commuters, using pepper spray and tear gas, as well as shooting rubber bullets and sponge bullets at close range, that have caused many injuries;

**WHEREAS**, many protesters had been arrested without any charge, the youngest of whom was reportedly 13 years old;

**WHEREAS**, storms of gangsters that had attacked protesters have been ignored by the Hong Kong police, neglecting their duty to protect the people;

**WHEREAS**, the Hong Kong police had been seriously violating the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials;

**WHEREAS**, the HKCTU and other protesters in Hong Kong had demanded that the Hong Kong government to: *withdraw the extradition bill; release all protestors arrested without charge; retract its characterization of the 12 June protests as “riots”; establish an independent investigation into police violence and abuse of power; stop persecuting and victimization of workers for expressing support for the protests and reinstate unfairly terminated workers; and, more importantly, institutionalize universal suffrage;*

**WHEREAS**, *the protesters are now calling for the resignation of Carrie Lam for instigating the crisis and further fueling it by her intransigence.*

**WHEREAS**, the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU) had requested the international community and the ITUC to mobilize to “condemn police violence and urge the Hong Kong Government to stop violations of basic human rights and release the arrested protesters”;

**WHEREAS**, ITUC had called on all trade unionists worldwide to “put pressure on their local Chinese embassies”;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONGRESS**, in the spirit of solidarity, to adopt the demands of the protesters of Hong Kong as our own, and, in turn, take the following actions:

- (1) hold a peaceful demonstration in front of the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines;
- (2) submit a letter to the Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China urging the government of the People’s Republic of China to withdraw violent tactics and instead dialogue with the protesters; and
- (3) call upon the Philippine government to pressure the Chinese government to respect International laws.

