

DOCKERS' SECTION CONFERENCE

Cape Town, 5-6 June 2017

EMERGENCY MOTION 1: THE STRUGGLE OF THE SPANISH DOCKERS

The ITF Dockers' Section Conference held in Cape Town on 5-6 June:

PLEDGES complete solidarity with Spanish Dockers in their struggle with the Government, employers and European Commission.

NOTES that Spanish unions will commence strike action today (5 June) in their attempt to win a fair and reasonable settlement to this ongoing dispute.

In May 2017 the Spanish parliament adopted a royal decree to privatise port labour and did not take into account the proposals made by the social partners. Moreover:

- The reform adopted by the Spanish Parliament goes well beyond the requirements for putting the Spanish legislation in line with EU law;
- By refusing to include in the royal decree the subrogation of the people currently working in ports, the Spanish government refuses to protect jobs and the professionalism of port workers;
- The implementation of the royal decree paves the way for a race to the bottom on protection levels across Spanish ports;
- Social dialogue at European level is significant only as far as it coexists with national level social dialogue

The ITF Dockers' Section Conference:

- **EXPRESSES** its full solidarity to FSC-CCOO and FeSMC-UGT and to all the Spanish Dockers in their political and industrial fight for a fairer reform of port labour;
- **CALLS** on all affiliated unions to support through lawful means the actions taken by the ETF Spanish Dockers as requested by FSC-CCOO and FeSMC-UGT;
- **SUPPORTS** the ETF Dockers' Section's decision to put on hold its participation in the EU-level social dialogue on ports as long as the conflict in Spain is not settled through the full involvement of social partners.

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