



TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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TUAC Resolution on Trade Union Rights in the Republic of Korea

Paris, 30 May 2016

HAVING REGARD to previous reporting to the Plenary on labour rights in Korea, including the 111th Session (December 2003), 114th Session (May 2005), 122nd Session (June 2009), 124th Session (May 2010) and 131st Session (December 2013);

HAVING REGARD to the TUAC Resolution on Trade Union Rights in the Republic of Korea adopted by the 123rd Session (November 2009);

HAVING REGARD to (i) a letter by the General Secretary of the TUAC to the Korean Ambassador to the OECD sent in December 2015 in the context of the recent government crackdown on Korean trade unions and (ii) a TUAC issues paper “Upholding Labour Rights in Korea in an OECD context”, April 2016;

HAVING REGARD to the TUAC Statement to the 2016 OECD Council Meeting at Ministerial Level (including chapter VI on Labour rights and OECD membership);

On the proposal of the TUAC Secretariat, the FKTU and the KCTU:

The Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD,

Calls upon the Republic of Korea to:

- release and drop all charges against Han Sang-guyen, President of the KCTU, and other KCTU officers in the fulfilment of their trade union duties;
- engage in transparent and democratic dialogue with all components of the Korean civil society, including trade unions;
- uphold labour rights and freedom of assembly and initiate a reform process to effectively align its labour law with internationally recognised labour standards, including ratification of ILO conventions 87 and 98 and dropping reservation to art. 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and

Calls upon the OECD to:

- devise a roadmap for a sustainable and inclusive Korea in the context of the 20th anniversary of its OECD membership, including the effective observance of labour and human rights, and to that end, work in close cooperation with other international organisations, including the ILO;
- ensure that all member and candidate countries adhere to and observe the fundamental values of the Organisation, including pluralistic democracy and respect of human rights.

Resolution adopted by the 136th Plenary of the TUAC to OECD.
Paris, France, 30 May 2016.