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To:
ITUC Member organizations

Dear brothers and sisters,

On the eve of the tragic date for us - February 24, when Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, we have to once again pay attention to the position and activities of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FNPR).

FNPR, which called for war against Ukraine a year ago, continues not only to support this war that destroys Ukraine and the Ukrainian people but also calls for its continuation until the "victory". Statements made over the last week also testify to this.

In the appeal to its members dated February 20, 2023¹, the FNPR officially states that among the soldiers of the Russian army and navy there are tens of thousands of trade union members, trade union leaders and activists from various organizations, enterprises and industries who went "to defend the interests of Russia". In addition, the FNPR calls on its trade union organizations throughout the country not only to follow the Russian military's "heroic path of struggle", but also to "continue to provide the necessary assistance and moral support". The FNPR assures that its member organizations "will continue to promptly respond to requests received from both military units at war and labor collectives working to meet the needs of soldiers."

"The enemy will be defeated! Victory will be ours!" - stated the FNPR.

In addition, on February 22, the leadership of the FNPR, employees of the FNPR Apparatus, students of the Academy of Labor and Social Relations and active members of the FNPR took part in the rally-concert in Moscow, during which the invasion of Ukraine was celebrated and the President of the Russian Federation Volodymyr Putin made a speech. According to the official report of this Russian trade union, its delegation consisted of more than 2,000 people².

FNPR with applauses, appeals and direct actions supports the war, and hostility and supports acts of genocide against the people of Ukraine, who chose the path of democracy and European integration.

We thank everyone who supported our call for the exclusion of the FNPR from the ITUC and global trade union organizations.

Once again, we want to emphasize that there is no place in the democratic trade union movement for this trade union that ignores the ITUC Constitution, supports the war, Putin's regime, and the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, which commit war crimes and acts of genocide in Ukraine.

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¹ <https://fnpr.ru/events/novosti-fnpr/fnpr-pozdravlyayet-s-dnem-zashchitnika-otechestva.html>

² <https://fnpr.ru/events/novosti-fnpr/profsoyuzy-fnpr-prinyali-uchastie-v-prazdnichnom-mitinge-kontserte-slava-zashchitnikam-otechestva.html>