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Council of Global Unions formed to promote union action on final day of ITUC Congress

Vienna, November 3, 2006: (ITUC OnLine : One of the first acts of the newly founded International Trade Union Confederation was to ratify an agreement with the Global Union Federations and the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) to form a Council of Global Unions.

The Council aims include promoting trade union membership and advancing common trade union interests worldwide through enhanced cooperation.

"The Council will enable us to mobilize global membership around political and strategic initiatives and actions in order to confront global forces that work against the interests of working people and families," Guy Ryder, the newly elected General Secretary of the ITUC said today.

Global Union Federations represent workers in the different economic sectors, from education, public services, manufacturing to retail and the media.

"We will use this enhanced cooperation to tackle major questions of organising and concerted campaigning. We need to combine our strengths better, and this new Council will allow us to achieve this", said John Evans the Secretary of TUAC.

In front of an audience composed of over 1000, the ITUC presented its Austrian affiliate, the OGB, a milestone to be installed in their new offices in order to commemorate the inaugural Congress,.

Photos of the ceremony are available on demand.

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Created on November 1, the ITUC represents **168 million workers** in **154 countries** and territories and has **306** national affiliates.

The new website of the organization is: <http://www.ituc-csi.org>