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World Day for Decent Work: “End Corporate Greed”

Brussels, 6 October 2015 (ITUC OnLine): Trade unions around the world are once again mobilising on October 7, the World Day for Decent Work, under the banner “End Corporate Greed”, with activities stretching from Japan to Ecuador and South Africa to Russia. Activities in 33 countries have already been registered on the special website 2015.wddw.org, and many more will be uploaded to the site on October 7 and the following days.

As in the past, a wide range of different types of events are planned. Brussels, the “Capital of Europe”, will come to a standstill with a huge demonstration organised by the Belgian trade unions against austerity, while unions from the manufacturing sector will hold events across the globe to demand an end to precarious work, organised by Global Union Federation IndustriALL.

Many trade unions will be on the streets to make personal contact with rush-hour commuters while others will be holding press conferences, public events and workplace meetings. As it prepares for an October 10 mobilisation against the TTIP and CETA trade deals, Germany’s trade union centre DGB is also holding a conference to press for “Fair Play for Workers in Mega Sports Events” as pressure mounts for reform of FIFA and an end to exploitation of the workers who build and deliver the world’s major sports competitions.

“Once again the voice of working people will be heard around the globe on the World Day for Decent Work. The global focus this year is on ending corporate greed, eliminating precarious work and formalising informal jobs, as well as living minimum wages. We need to transform the exploitative supply chain model which robs workers while filling the coffers of multinational companies, many of which are culpable of the most egregious exploitation including the use of modern slavery. The trade union movement stands with the most exploited and vulnerable in the global economy, and on this day, the World Day for Decent Work, we will show our determination to build a better world for working families and for the generations to come,” said ITUC General Secretary Sharan Burrow.

Link to the video statement by Sharan Burrow: <https://youtu.be/rgwsTOXfJGo>

Link to the WDDW website: <http://2015.wddw.org/>

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