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To,

All the WFTU Affiliated Unions
of Asia Pacific Region



**WFTU APRO Wishes the Working Women
all over the World an eventful**

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY !**

**WOMEN AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR
ECONOMY AND EXPLOITATION.**

08th of March, 2026



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8 MARCH – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY – WFTU WOMEN AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR, WAR ECONOMY AND EXPLOITATION

05 Mar 2026 by WFTU HQ

8 March is not a celebration, but a day of struggle. The World Federation of Trade Unions stands alongside working women around the world who resist capitalist exploitation, patriarchal oppression and the violence of imperialism.

Today, imperialism shows its most ferocious face through wars, occupations, economic sanctions and the plundering of peoples. The WFTU denounces the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people, which brutally affects women and children, and the continuing imperialist aggression against Venezuela, consisting of criminal sanctions, blackmail and attempts at destabilisation. Wars and sanctions are instruments of domination that destroy entire societies and affect working-class women first and foremost.

The numbers expose this system of death and exploitation:

women represent over 70% of the world’s poor; they earn on average about 20% less than men and are concentrated in the most precarious and least protected sectors. More than 60% of unpaid work, which is essential for social reproduction, falls on women, guaranteeing huge profits for capital and savings for states.

The war economy enriches the arms industry and large monopolies, while millions of women are pushed into poverty, unemployment and precariousness. Military spending is increasing everywhere, while public health, education, welfare and labour rights are being dismantled.

In contexts of war and occupation, women and children constitute the majority of civilian victims: bombing, forced displacement, hunger and lack of care affect women in particular. In Palestine, thousands of women have been killed, injured or deprived of access to essential care. Economic sanctions, such as those imposed on Venezuela, directly affect working women, reducing access to food, medicine, healthcare and social rights.

Working-class women suffer double and triple exploitation: starvation wages, precarious work, imposed care burdens, systemic discrimination and increasing violence. Capitalism and patriarchy are two sides of the same system.

The WFTU states clearly:

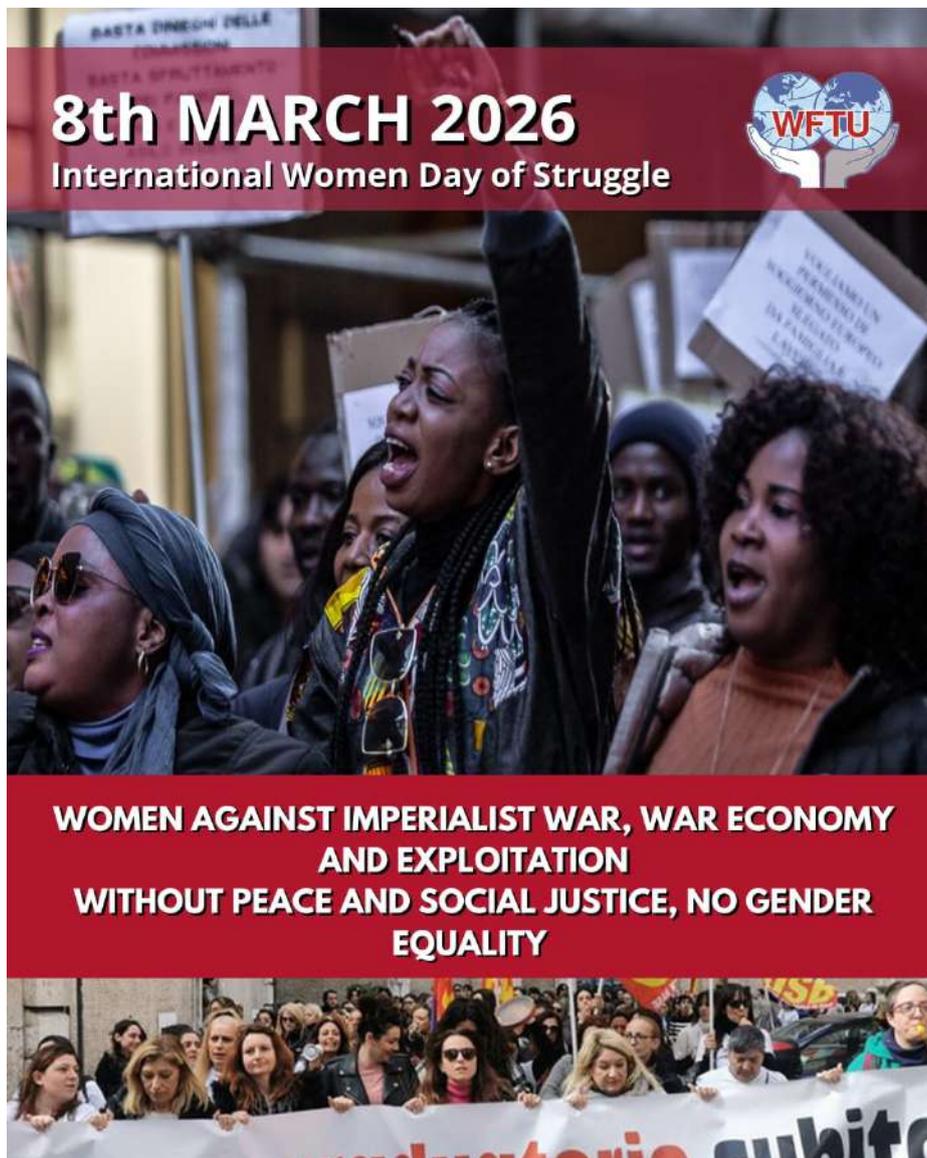
without an end to imperialist wars, without a break with the war economy and without social justice, there can be no real gender equality.

On this 8 March, the World Federation of Trade Unions calls on working-class women and men to:

strengthen the struggle against imperialism and its wars
oppose sanctions, occupations and capitalist exploitation
defend jobs, wages, rights and public services
build internationalist solidarity among peoples
fight for a world free from exploitation, oppression and violence
8 March: WFTU women against imperialist war, the war economy and exploitation.

Without peace and social justice, there can be no gender equality.

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WFTU STATEMENT ON THE IMPERIALIST ATTACK AGAINST IRAN

01 Mar 2026 by WFTU HQ

The WFTU strongly condemns the new imperialist attack by the US and Israel against Iran. The attack constitutes a blatant violation of every principle of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states and brutally undermines the UN Charter and every concept of international law.

The attack threatens to ignite even greater escalation in an already burning region, with the sole aim of promoting the imperialist plans of the US and Israel in the wider Middle East.

Their invocation of supposed sensitivity to democracy and human rights in Iran is blatantly hypocritical. Such pretexts have been used in the past for similar raids, with disastrous and bloody results for the peoples and states of the region.

The course and future of Iran is a matter for its people, whose struggles WFTU always supported, and not a choice of foreign imperialist powers whose only interest is to use their military strength to promote their own geopolitical and economic interests in the region.

The WFTU expresses its undivided solidarity with the people of Iran and the peoples of the Middle East who are suffering from imperialist intervention and Israeli aggression, and calls on its affiliates around the world to mobilize in condemnation of the new military attack against Iran and for an immediate end to military operations.

– NO TO AMERICAN-ISRAELI IMPERIALISTIC RAID

– RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF STATES

POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2026 WFTU PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Dear comrades,

Assessing the situation as it has developed in the region, following the attack by the United States and Israel against Iran, we conclude that the meeting of the WFTU Presidential Council, which was scheduled to take place on March 26 and 27 in Bahrain, clearly cannot be held on those dates under the current circumstances unfortunately.

Therefore, the WFTU Secretariat, in consultation with the leadership of BLUFF Bahrain, announces the postponement of the Presidential Council meeting.

The Secretariat will remain in continuous contact with the leadership of BLUFF, and as soon as conditions permit, a new date for holding the meeting will be announced.

With Greetings,

Yours Comradely,



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