

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

44th Congress Singapore, 14-20 October 2018 Civil Aviation Section Conference

REPORT

The Civil Aviation Section Conference took place on 15th October 2018.

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Agenda

The Conference **adopted** the agenda, as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Election of Rapporteur

Mohammed Dauda Safiyanu (Nigeria) was elected Rapporteur.

Carol Ng (Hong Kong) and Jas Gill (Great Britain) were elected Scrutineers.

Robert Hengster (ver.di) Germany and Enrique Carmona (Spain) were elected Tellers.

Agenda Item 3: Congress Theme Document

The **General Secretary** gave a presentation on the Congress Theme Document, which focused on the Section's priorities. The background research on which the Section's work programme is based was also presented in detail.

The Conference **adopted** the Congress Theme Document, as presented.

Agenda Item 4: Work Programme

The **Civil Aviation Section Secretary** gave a presentation outlining the section's priorities for 2019-2023. The Conference received many speakers from the floor in response to the presentation. The main issues raised were:

- The need for affiliates and the ITF alike to invest in organising and capacity building in Asia Pacific in response to the geographic shift and huge growth in aviation there.
- Particular challenges in the region were the large number of fast growing Low Cost Carriers, the number of areas with little or no aviation union coverage and non-Low-Cost but anti-union carriers;
- The need to lobby sub regional bodies in Africa on ATM and other issues; and

- As a result of ITF's lobbying work on cabin air quality, a bill was passed in US Congress last week to enable a study of contamination in bleed air.

The Conference **adopted** the section related priorities for 2019-2023, as presented.

Agenda Item 5: Motions

The Conference considered the motion referred by the Resolutions Committee, as follows:

Motion 13: Reaffirming the ITF's full support for organising efforts at Delta Airlines

The Conference unanimously adopted the motion including amendment 1.

Agenda item 6: Elections

The following were elected by the Conference:

Chair	Joseph Tiberi (IAMAW, USA)
Co-Vice Chair	Oliver Richardson (UNITE, Great Britain)
Co-Vice Chair	Edgardo Llano (APA-Argentina)
Women Transport Workers' Representative	Dorsaf Sayhi (FNT, Tunisia)
Young Transport Workers' Representative	Shauna McCormack (Fórsa, Ireland)
Ordinary Members	Katharina Wesenick (ver.di, Germany)
	Sara Nelson (AFA, USA)
	Moustapha Abani (SAMAC, Niger)
	Francisco Luiz Xavier de Lemos (SINA, Brazil)
	Anneli Nyberg (Parat, Norway)
	Luigi Mansi (FIT-CISL, Italy)
	Steve Purvinas (ALAEA, Australia)

The regional section affiliates **confirmed** their Section Regional Officers as detailed below:

Africa

Chair - Mohammed Daufa Safiyanu (NUATE, Nigeria)

Arab World

Chair – Chahira Mostafai, (FNNT, Algeria)

Asia/Pacific

Chair – Jacqueline Tuwanakotta (IKAGI, Indonesia)

Europe (ETF Civil Aviation Section)

Chair – Oliver Richardson (UNITE, Great Britain)

Latin America/Caribbean

Chair - Luiz Sergio de Almeida Dias (FENTAC, Brazil)

North America

Chair – Owen Herrnstadt (IAMAW, United States of America)

The Conference **agreed** the composition of the Civil Aviation Section Committee, attached as **Annex 1**.

Agenda Item 7: Any other business

Emergency section statement: Hong Kong Cabin Crew

In light of the summary closure of British Airways Hong Kong base and the summary sacking of 85 crew, a statement was unanimously agreed to donate a portion of the funds raised in solidarity with that crew to ITF. The funds should be used by the Civil Aviation section to support future Asia/Pacific crews facing similar difficulties.

ACTION: Section to liaise with Carol Ng (BAHKCCA, Hong Kong) to facilitate donation

Statement: Emirates dispute in Japan

A statement was unanimously endorsed on a live dispute for Emirates workers in Japan, where 3 reservations staff were illegally dismissed. After a court order the workers were reinstated with pay but refused work as a result of their union organising activities.

ACTION: Section to write to Emirates protesting the situation

Statement: Dispute in Panama

A statement was unanimously endorsed on a bid by airport employers in Panama and the Panamanian government to restrict the right to strike.

ACTION: Section to circulate a message of solidarity

Statement: Marriott Group hotel worker strike, USA

A statement was unanimously endorsed regarding the current strike of workers in the Marriott hotels group across the USA. AFA-CWA cabin crew have been able to move their business to other hotels during the strike.

ACTION: Brooks Bitterman (Unite Here, USA) to liaise with Cabin Crew Committee to facilitate further solidarity action and where possible enable crews to avoid using the Marriott Group in the USA for the duration of the strike.

Thanks were made to the outgoing Section Chair, Oliver Richardson, for his excellent leadership during his time as Chair.

CIVIL AVIATION SECTION COMMITTEE
As of 15 October 2018

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In addition, the Chairs of the Civil Aviation industrial sub-sectors (Ground Staff, Cabin Crew, Air Traffic Services) participate in meetings of the committee.