

# INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

## 44<sup>th</sup> Congress Singapore, 16 October 2018 Dockers' Section Conference

### REPORT

The Dockers' Conference took place on 16 October 2018.

#### **Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Agenda**

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

#### **Agenda Item 2: Election of Rapporteur**

Dan Kask (Canada) was elected Rapporteur.

Adam Tyłski (Poland) and Victoria Helps (Australia) were elected Scrutineers.

Daniel Owusu-Koranteng (Ghana)) and Mayo Uruguaiio Fernandes (Brazil) 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 discussion in regards to the Congress Theme Document was taken in conjunction with Agenda item 4, work programme.

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

#### **Agenda Item 4: Work Programme**

**Tortolano** gave a presentation on the Section's priorities as laid out in the Congress Theme Document. The **Maritime Coordinator** provided an update on the work carried out on the ICTSI work campaign, summarised as follows:

- ICTSI's global network terminal had the worst record of violations of workers' rights;
- The original campaign plan focused on Madagascar, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Australia;
- Work in Madagascar had been temporarily halted due to internal legal issues within the union;
- Focus on Papua New Guinea and Pakistan would continue through ongoing support for negotiation of CBA's;
- Future targeted countries would be in Latin America and Iraq, calling on the support from the ITF Inspectorate; and
- The next Executive Board would address the contested affiliation in Indonesia.

The Conference welcomed 3 newly affiliated unions from Pakistan, who organise workers in ICTSI ports in Karachi, following the successful organising efforts of the campaign.

The Conference **noted** the request from the Maritime Union of Australia to declare the Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) in the Port of Melbourne as a Port of Convenience and the differing views of the Australian Maritime Officers Union (AMOU). The Conference **further noted** the report of the ITF Internal Auditor on the investigation carried out by the ITF, following the original request received in May 2018.

Following the discussion on the issue, the Conference called for a membership vote to be carried out on whether the terminal should be declared a Port of Convenience. The result of the secret ballot membership vote was as follows:

Yes: 75 unions with 213,067 votes (97.87%)  
 No: 3 unions with 2,040 votes (0.94%)  
 Abstain: 3 unions with 2,594 votes (1.19%)  
 3 ballots were spoilt

Based on the outcome of the membership vote, the Conference **declared** the Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) at the Port of Melbourne a Port of Convenience. The outcome would be referred to the Joint Seafarers and Dockers Conference on 17 October for consideration.

The Conference had a lengthy discussion on the Congress Theme Document, in particular automation and the negative impact it has had on dockers globally. The two main issues raised by the many speakers were that automation could no longer lead to “union busting” and “de-regulation”. The Conference **urged** that this be incorporated into the outcomes of the Congress Theme Document and form part of the ITF’s strategies going forward.

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

## Agenda Item 5: Motions

### Motion 16: Mediterranean – Sea of convenience

Due to time constraints and as the motion had also been submitted to the Joint Seafarers and Dockers’ Conference, 17 October the Conference **agreed** to hold over the discussion to that meeting.

## Agenda item 6: Elections

The following nominations were received from the floor and elected by acclamation:

Chair	Paddy Crumlin, MUA, Australia
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Torben Seebold, VERDI, Germany
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Willy Adams, ILWU, USA
Women Transport Workers’ Representative	Monique Verbeeck, BTB, Belgium
Young Transport Workers’ Co-Representative	Nick Loidan, BTB, Belgium
Young Transport Workers’ Co-Representative	Viri Gómez, ILWU, Canada

The Conference **mandated** the Secretariat to confirm the nominations for the Sixteen Ordinary Members of the Section Committee, reflecting regional distribution and subsequently agreed the composition of the Dockers Section Committee, attached as **Annex 1**.

### **Agenda Item 7: Any other business**

The following Gold Awards were presented at the Conference for outstanding service to the cause of transport workers internationally, in defence and furtherance of the interests of those workers, and for the preservation of trade union freedoms and rights:

- Ann Anderson, Clerical and Commercial Workers' Union, Guyana (accepted posthumously by Sherwood Clarke)
- Robert McEllrath, ILWU, USA

**DOCKERS' SECTION COMMITTEE**  
**As of 16 October 2018**

<b>Section Officers</b>	
Chair	Paddy Crumlin, MUA, Australia
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<b>Africa</b>	
Chair	Jackie Doe, DOWUL, Liberia
Ordinary member	Simon Sang, DWU, Kenya
Ordinary member	Phillipe Djoula, USYTZPOG, Gabon
<b>Arab World</b>	
Chair	Mahmoud Mansour Edbeis, GUPW, Jordan
Ordinary Member	Salman Al Saad, GFBTU, Bahrain
<b>Asia/Pacific</b>	
Chair	Sang Sik Kim, KFPTWU, Korea
Ordinary member	Arasu Duaraisamy, SPWU, Singapore
Ordinary member	Joe Fleetwood, MUNZ, New Zealand
Ordinary member	Kinichiro Itoya, Kenkoku-Kowan, Japan
Ordinary member	PM Mohammed Haneef, CPSA, India
<b>Europe (ETF Maritime Transport Section)</b>	
Chair	Terje Fenn-Samuelsen, NTF, Norway
Ordinary member	Marc Loridan, BTB, Belgium
Ordinary member	Steve Biggs, UNITE, UK
Ordinary member	Aleksejs Holudnuks, UTAF, Latvia
Ordinary member	Niek Stam, FNV, Netherlands
Ordinary member	Jose Manuel Perez-Vega, SMC UGT, Spain
<b>Latin America/Caribbean</b>	
Chair	Mayo Uruguaio Fernandes, CONTTMAF, Brazil
Ordinary member	Dionne Howard, BMU, Barbados
Ordinary member	Roberto Coria, SGGM, Argentina
Ordinary member	Maynor Sijes Barillas, STEPW, Guatemala
<b>North America</b>	
Chair	John Baker, ILA, United States
Ordinary member	Rob Ashton, ILWU, Canada