

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

44th Congress Singapore, 16 October 2018 Fisheries Section Conference

REPORT

The Fisheries Section 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

Jorge Alejandro Vargas (Argentina) was elected Rapporteur.

Hiedeo Kon (Japan) and Katishi Masemola (South Africa) were elected Scrutineers.

Valérie Latron (France) and Geronimo David Molina (Argentina) were elected Tellers.

Agenda Item 3: Congress Theme Document

The **Assistant General Secretary** gave a presentation on the Congress Theme Document, which focused on the Section's priorities. The Conference received speakers from the floor in response to the presentation, the main issues raised were:

- For Argentina, automation was a subject that needed to be considered in great detail, as 50% of their fleets were very old, therefore, Argentina were unable to envisage implementing automation;
- If there was no sustainable fishing policy in place, then automation could lead to no resources to renew fleet and no workers;
- Technological developments had mainly been focussed in Asia, but it was also acknowledged there was a need to focus in other regions, in particular Latin America;
- The effects of automation was not the same in every country;
- The Fisheries membership had seen a slight increase since 2014, developments were visible but there was still a need for a lot more work to be done; and
- There had been 12 ratifications of ILO Convention 188.

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

Agenda Item 4: Work Programme

Jon Hartough gave an update on the Thailand project alongside **Saw Bow Htoo** regarding the exploitation of Asian migrant workers across Asia, the issues faced and the work of the Fisheries Rights Network.

Ken Fleming gave an update on migrant workers in Ireland, a court case was to be summoned at the Ministry of Justice for the fishing industry scheduled to take place late November 2018.

During the discussion the following comments were made:

- Technological developments in the sector were mainly positive as it assisted in the elimination of forced labour;
- It was important to have organised workers and targeted campaigns focussed on the retailers;
- As Thailand begins to clean up its act, it was envisioned other countries in Asia would follow;
- Struggles in Thailand were aided by the media; and
- ITF would be working with Thai Union, owner of John West, King Oscar plus other fish brands, to monitor their code of conduct and development of their inspectorate to ensure they are implemented effectively.

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

Agenda Item 5: Motions

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

Motion 26: Fisheries

The Conference **adopted** the motion, as presented. The proposal as laid out in Amendment 1 was unable to be moved as Syndicat General Maritime de Madagascar (SYGMMA) were unable to attend Congress due to the unions internal issues, therefore the Conference **agreed** to discuss at the next meeting of the Fisheries Section Committee.

Agenda item 6: Elections

The following were elected by the Conference:

Chair	Johnny Hansen, NSU, Norway
1 st Vice Chair	Kenji Takahashi, JSU, Japan
2 nd Vice Chair	Angel Juan Navarro, SOMU, Argentina
Women Transport Workers' Representative	Sylvie Roux, CFDT, France
Young Transport Workers' Representative	Jorge Alejandro Vargas, SOMU, Argentina

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 Fisheries Section Committee, attached as **Annex 1**.

Agenda Item 7: Any other business

There were no other items for discussion.

FISHERIES SECTION COMMITTEE
As of 16 October 2018

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Africa	
Chair	Harinony Lucien Razafindraibe, SYGMMA, Madagascar
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Member	Petr Osichansky, SUR, Russia
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