

# INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

## 44<sup>th</sup> Congress

Singapore, 15 October 2018

## Road Transport Workers' Section Conference

### REPORT

The Road Transport Workers' Section Conference took place on Monday 15 October 2018.

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

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

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

Justyna Matuszewska (Great Britain) was elected Rapporteur.

Matt Draper (Great Britain) and Magnus Falk (Sweden) were elected Scrutineers/Tellers.

#### **Agenda Item 3: Congress Theme Document**

The Assistant General Secretary gave a verbal report 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**

The Conference received many speakers from the floor, the main comments raised were:

- The importance of campaigns targeting retail and economic suppliers such as XPO, DHL, IKEA;
- There were still violations & unethical work practices by DHL in India;
- IKEA dialogue had ceased due to lack of meaningful progress and dialogue, the Conference **endorsed** the continuation of this campaign;
- The Chair called for continued support against police corruption and bullying for Road Transport Workers in Africa;
- Philippine affiliates raised the ongoing situation with Jeepney vehicles. The chair noted the struggle and suggested support from the Secretariat;
- The NURTW reported significant progress in Nigeria, and some government support, allowing them to continue developing membership over the next 5 years; and

- Women Transport Workers of Maharashtra, India had increased terms and conditions for members, but still faced the threat of termination for taking part in union activity.

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

## TOLL Charter

The Chair gave a report on the recently signed TOLL global charter and the Conference **agreed** that the details of the Charter would be shared to all Road Transport Worker affiliates.

## Panel Discussion: “Raising Standards”

There was a panel discussion on “Raising Standards” within the industry, facilitated by Frank Moreels, Road Transport Workers’ Vice Chair. The panellists were:

- Umberto De Pretto (IRU)
- Rick Willmott (TOLL)
- Ruwan Subasinghe (ITF Legal Officer to discuss the work at the ILO)
- Wilma Clement (Women’s Representative)
- Sam McIntosh (Youth Representative)

The conference **noted** the following:

- Conditions are needed where the most ethical, unionised companies are allowed to succeed;
- Economic Employers should be held accountable for their role within supply chains;
- Enforcement and safe rates are both important to the future of Transport Workers building power.

## Urban Transport Committee Structure

The Conference **endorsed** the proposal for the new composition and Vice Chair role of the Urban Transport Committee (UTC).

## DHL Update

TUMTIS provided an update on the situation in Turkey for DHL, they thanked ITF affiliates for their continued support and explained the struggle was not over yet.

During the discussion from the floor, the following points were raised:

- DHL affiliates acknowledged that the protocol with DHL was generally making progress, however issues still remained within the DHL supply chain and subcontracting model;
- The Latin America and North America network needed to be strengthened; and
- The Chair called for continued solidarity support for TUMTIS in their fight for the 7 dismissed workers from DHL Express Turkey.

## Agenda Item 5: Motions

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

### Motion 31: Strengthening the global fight for safe rates

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

## Agenda item 6: Elections

The following were **elected** unopposed by the Conference:

Chair	Tony Sheldon (TWU, Australia) <i>until 01 June 2019</i> James Hoffa (Teamsters, USA) <i>from 01 June 2019</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair (Passenger)	Flemming Overgaard (3F, Denmark)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair (Freight)	Victor Luis Velazquez (FNTCOTAC, Argentina)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair (UTC)	Wol-san Liem (KPTU UTC, Korea)
Women Transport Workers' Representative	Wilma Clement (BWU, Barbados)
Young Transport Workers' Representative	Justyna Matuszewska (UNITE, Great Britain)

The Conference **mandated** the Secretariat to confirm the nominations for the Africa, Arab World and Asia Pacific members of the Section Committee, and **endorsed** the composition of the Road Transport Workers' Section Steering Committee, attached as Annex 1.

The Chair announced to the Conference that as of 01 June 2019 he would be standing down as Chair of the Road Transport Committee and thanked delegates for their continued support.

James Hoffa (Teamsters, USA) was confirmed by the Conference as the new Chair, and will take up this position on 01 June 2019.

The Conference and Head of Inland Transport thanked the Chair for his work over the past years and his support.

## Agenda Item 7: Any other business

### Retail Supply Chains

The Conference **endorsed** the creation of a Retail Supply Chain Working Group for the next inter congress period made up of current affiliates involved in Road Transport Campaigns.

A report on activities would be given at the next Road Transport Section Steering Committee meeting in 2019. It was also **agreed** to co-opt key leaders of those involved in retail supply chain work programme onto the Road Transport Section Steering Committee for the life span of the project.

## Warehousing

Due to the significance of the work of the Warehouse and Terminal Workers Working Group it was recommended to co-opt the following people on to the Road Transport Section Steering Committee for the life span of the project:

- Chair – Peter Lökvist (Svenska Transportarbetareförbundet, Sweden)
- Vice Chair of Warehousing – Matt Draper (UNITE, Great Britain)

The Conference **endorsed** this recommendation.

**ROAD TRANSPORT SECTION STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**As of 15 October 2018**

<b>Section Officers</b>	
Chair	Tony Sheldon (TWU, Australia) <i>until 01 June 2019</i> James Hoffa (Teamsters, USA) <i>from 01 June 2019</i>
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Young Transport Workers' Representative	Justyna Matuszewska (UNITE, Great Britain)
<b>Africa</b>	
Chair	Fuseini Iddrisu (GTPCWU, Ghana)
Vice Chair	Gora Khouma (URS, Senegal)
Vice Chair	Shanitah Birungi (AGTWU, Uganda)
<b>Arab World</b>	
Chair	Amine Affane (FNCGP, Algeria)
Vice Chair	Kais Mlouah (FNT, Tunisia)
<b>Asia/Pacific</b>	
Chair	Michael Kaine (TWU, Australia)
Vice Chair	Ajay Kumar Rai (Netwon, Nepal)
Vice Chair	K.Natarajan (GTCEPUF, India)
Vice Chair	Toyotaka Sugiyama (Unyu-Roren, Japan)
Women Transport Workers' Representative	Sheela Naikwade (MSTKS, India)
Young Transport Workers' Representative	<i>Vacant</i>
<b>Europe (ETF Road Transport Section)</b>	
Chair	Roberto Parrillo (ACV-Transcom, Belgium)
Vice Chair	Fleming Overgaard (3F, Denmark)
Vice Chair	Adrian Jones (UNITE, Great Britain)
Women Transport Workers' Representative	Myriam Coulet (FO Transports, France)
Young Transport Workers' Representative	<i>Vacant</i>
<b>Latin America/Caribbean</b>	
Chair	Benito Bahena y Lome (ATM, Mexico)
Vice Chair	Pablo Hugo Moyano (FNTCOTAC, Argentina)
Vice Chair	Lourival Vieira (CNTTT, Brazil)
Vice Chair	Wilma Clement (BWU, Barbados)
<b>North America</b>	
Co-Chair	Len Poirier (UNIFOR, Canada)
Co-Chair	James Hoffa (Teamsters, USA)
<b>Co-Opted Members</b>	
Chair of Retail Supply Chain Working Group	To be confirmed
Chair of Warehouse and Terminal Workers Working Group	Peter Lövkvist (STF, Sweden)
Vice Chair of Warehouse and Terminal Workers Working Group	Matt Draper (UNITE, Great Britain)