

# Future activities and Action Plan

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# Denmark - latest developments

- The Danish government has agreed to work in favor of ratification of the Hong Kong convention
  - Probably pass the law already this year
  - Because of CO-industri
- Government has set up a special committee about growth in 'the Blue Denmark' for the second time and a committee on production (Industry 4.0)
- Still problems with Danish ships being broken in places where working conditions are appalling
  - A.P. Møller Maersk breaking ships in Bangladesh and India
  - Questions asked in the public and from shareholders
  - Also from rather huge international investors
  - The jobs has to be saved – but working conditions must be acceptable



# Global results and achievements:

- Seen an increase in unionization within ship breaking
- Seen the Hong Kong Convention from 2009 for the safe and sound recycling of ships being ratified in some – but certainly not enough - countries and EU approved the proposal dictating increased responsibility in scrapping for EU-flagged ships
- A few EU countries has ratified the Hong Kong Convention
  - Belgium and France
  - As of October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

But looking forward huge tasks are still in front of us...

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## Five key goals

1. **Defend workers' rights**
2. **Build Union power**
3. **Confront global capital**
4. **Fight precarious work**
5. **Promote sustainable industrial policy**

# Four important topics

## Message from Satoshi Kudoh yesterday

- The OHS work has to continue
- Hong Kong Covention needs ratification
- Shipbreaking as an industry has to be made sustainable
- Don't forget Industry 4.0

# What are the key Tools for trade unions?

Organizing workers and promote collective bargaining



Make our voices heard in the Local and Global debate

- If we succeed we will be able to...

## ... Create results that matters:

- Ensure jobs and education for all
- Fight precarious work
- Ensure companies are liable for the true costs of their business, not society
- Put pressure on the authorities to improve the safety, health and working conditions in the industrial sector.
- Achieve a more fair and level playing field through the necessary regulations

# Major challenges in a global context I

- Promote a sustainable industrial policy worldwide
- Stop the continuous rise in precarious work
- Promote labor and safety regulations
- Getting climate change back on the agenda



# Major challenges in a global context II

- Global growth is still leaving a lot to be desired
- Threats from protectionists and anti-globalism
  - The American election
  - Brexit
  - Other political movements in Europa and in the rest of the world
- The speed of - and lack of control with - international capital movements

## Possible solutions:

- Introduction of a global Tobin tax on international capital movements
- Push for global agreements on decreasing carbon emissions to protect the environment and create more jobs in our sector
- Embrace industry 4.0 and the new technologies
- More countries to ratify the Hong Kong Convention

## Possible solutions II:

- Support Free Trade Agreements
  - The world need more trade not less
  - The agreements has to take into account the environment and the rights of workers
- AND not least: Impose measures that ensure that productivity improvements benefit those that contribute to them, thus raising wages and in turn contributing to industrial, economic and social stability and reducing inequality

Questions and/or comments?