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Resolution on occupational health and safety, and observance of April 28

Whereas: occupational health and safety is a fundamental right of workers;

And whereas: workplace conditions cause the accidents and illnesses that result in disability, disease or death of millions of workers each year;

And whereas: many employers continue to treat their workers without due regard to their health and safety;

And whereas: we recall the deadly collapse of the Rana Plaza textile factories in Bangladesh five years ago, and the relentless drumbeat of mining deaths in Pakistan and Indonesia, among millions of other tragedies large and small;

And whereas: 28 April of every year has been designated by trade unions worldwide as a day of sadness, anger, and public mourning to commemorate all workers who have died as the result of their work: whether as the result of a sudden violent accident, a slow wasting diseases, or even an act of suicide brought on by workplace stress;

And whereas: unions make work safer!

Therefore be it resolved that: IndustriALL Global Union reaffirms occupational health and safety as a core trade union issue, and therefore a core issue for IndustriALL;

Be it further resolved that: IndustriALL and its affiliates recognize and renew the spirit of 28 April as a trade union day of mourning worldwide, for workers killed, injured, or made ill as the result of their work;

Be it further resolved that: April 28 be known variously as the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers, Workers' Memorial Day, World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Day of Mourning, or other names in accordance with national usage and customs;

Be it further resolved that: IndustriALL Global Union never compromise or cease in its demand for workers' rights to:

- know fully about workplace hazards
- refuse or shut down unsafe work without fear of reprisals
- participate fully in all health and safety decision-making;

Be it further resolved that: IndustriALL renew and continue its campaigns for healthy and safe workplaces for all workers within all industries - including its campaigns for the ratification of the ILO Convention on Safety in Mines (C176), for safe workplaces in Bangladesh, and campaigns against asbestos, sandblasting, and occupational cancer.

Finally, be it resolved that: IndustriALL Global Union call upon its affiliates to make April 28, and every day, a day to mourn for our dead – and fight for the living!