

MASS

CGTP
Intersindical Nacional

LISBON, PQ. NAÇÕES – 18 OCTOBER 2007 – 2.30 P.M.

DEMONSTRATION



FOR SOCIAL EUROPE JOBS WITH RIGHTS

CGTP-IN
1 October 2007

37 years with the workers

It has been a period of 37 years of experience and trade union activity. A great number of situations and workers' problems had to be tackled and solved. Demands, proposals, bargaining, actions and struggles, compromise and solutions highlight the life of a representative and respected trade union centre, an organisation always fighting and engaged in building a different society, in a developed and fair Portugal, with solidarity. The CGTP-IN founded during the dictatorship period (1 October 1970), is the legitimate heir to the glorious struggle of the working class movement in Portugal, and has always been active, even during the colonial/fascist period, and of course during the revolutionary period until today left an essential mark in all of these periods of the Portuguese history.

We would have liked the 1 October 2007 to simply be a day of celebrations. But this year has been one of the toughest in terms of the employers' offensive, which is sponsored and developed in conjunction with governmental policies that bear disastrous consequences for the workers and for the social groups on lower incomes.

Our anniversary day thus needs to be also a day of struggle and of preparation of the demonstration for workers' rights, jobs, salaries, working time, more employment, for social security, social policies, quality public services, for real equal opportunities, against the announced government measures and for an effective change of policies.

It is with the same confidence of always that the CGTP-IN will continue its trade union action and struggle!

37 years
Always with
the workers

**THE STRUGGLE
CONTINUES!**

CGTP
Intersindical Nacional

MASS
LISBON, PQ. NAÇÕES – 18 OCTOBER 2007 – 2.30 P.M.
DEMONSTRATION



FOR SOCIAL EUROPE JOBS WITH RIGHTS

Workers life is not an easy one. On the contrary. It is getting increasingly hard. Workers living and working conditions are being aggravated. And that happens **because the workers and the CGTP-IN demands are not satisfied!**

That happens **because of national and European policies which increase exploitation and social inequality and injustice** – policies that have been implemented for many years, by successive governments, policies which the present government has been deliberately accentuating.

The government's responsibility is currently even bigger, since they are presiding over the European Union!

LET US ALL, MEN AND WOMEN, WITH OUR VOICE,
CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE!

LET US, ON OCTOBER 18TH,
DURING THE EU SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE
AND GOVERNMENT, INSIST IN OUR JUST
DEMAND OF A **CHANGE OF POLICIES!**

**ALL TOGETHER IN LISBON
IN THIS MASS DEMONSTRATION!**

PORTUGAL CAN BE A DEVELOPED COUNTRY IN A SOCIAL EUROPE!

PORTUGAL IS LIVING IN A CONTEXT WHICH REQUIRES REAL CHANGES. WE CANNOT, NOR DO WE WANT, TO CONTINUE BEING:

- a country with hundreds of thousand unemployed
- a country which resembles the “kingdom of precariousness” (more than 860 thousand precarious workers – 22%); nearly all new jobs are precarious
- a country in which purchasing power is 25% below the EU-25 average, with salaries 40% below the EU-15 average
- a country where we work more years, under a fierce attack on workers' rights, freedoms and guarantees
- a country in which retirement pensions decrease and the age of retirement goes up
- a country where public and public administration services are dismantled
- a country where health centres are closed and where the National Health Service is seriously threatened
- a country where all inequalities are being aggravated: in income and in opportunities
- a country with an arrogant and overpowering government, who claim to protect the “Welfare State” while paying lip service to big economic and financial groups and adopting neoliberal policies.



FOR SOCIAL EUROPE JOBS WITH RIGHTS

CGTP
Intersindical Nacional

IT'S TIME FOR A REAL CHANGE OF POLICIES!

It's time for real ECONOMIC GROWTH, based on policies which enhance full employment and increase productivity and salaries and promote a fairer wealth distribution.

It's time for QUALITY JOBS, employment with rights, job security, no precariousness, more vocational training and qualifications, better social protection and investment in active employment policies.

It's time for SOCIAL INCLUSION, promoting cohesion, fighting poverty and social exclusion, to attain a level of dignity in life of those at work or who have worked (retired workers and pensioners), equal opportunities for all.

It's time for, with solidarity, making this happen in the whole globalised world and in the European Union, so that we achieve an effective SOCIAL AND WORKERS' EUROPE which may be an agent of progress in the world. Therefore it is imperative to fight for:

JOBS WITH RIGHTS, FOR A SOCIAL EUROPE

- FOR THE EXERCISE OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RIGHTS!
- FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COHESION!
- FOR QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES!
- FOR THE FIRM DEFENCE OF TRADE UNION FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS!
- AGAINST THE ADOPTION OF NEOLIBERAL POLICIES WHICH IMPOSE UNFAIR DISMISSALS (FLEXICURITY)!
- AGAINST THE SCANDAL OF SOCIAL INEQUALITY IN THE NATIONAL WEALTH DISTRIBUTION!

AGAINST FLEXICURITY

Against the approach of Durão Barroso's European Commission and against the Sócrates Government White Paper on Labour Relations:

BECAUSE it upholds the clear aim of making workers even more unprotected, by reviewing the labour legislation with objective of:

- allowing the employers to freely dismiss workers;
- cancelling the existing limit to daily working hours!

BECAUSE it promotes the weakening of the right to work and to job security!

BECAUSE, although Portugal is the EU-15 country with the lowest salaries (successive governments made promises of approximation to the EU salary averages) they want to go even further in:

- reducing salaries, making labour become cheaper, increasing exploitation and capital profits;
- destroying collective bargaining and curbing the role and action of the trade unions;
- conceding extended power (never checked) to companies and employers!

BECAUSE they simply wish to introduce flexibility and no security at all!

IT'S NECESSARY TO:

- FOSTER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND ABANDONING THE PROVISION OF VOID COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS
- INCREASE SALARIES
- FIGHT PRECARIOUSNESS
- ENFORCE THE RIGHT TO TRAINING
- ENSURE EQUALITY AT WORK AND FIGHT DISCRIMINATION
- APPLY WORKERS' RIGHTS
- IMPROVE SOCIAL SECURITY
- TURN THE HEALTH POLICY TOWARDS THE CITIZENS
- PROMOTE MORE FISCAL JUSTICE
- INVEST IN EDUCATION

For workers' demands!

For changes of policies in Portugal and in the European Union!

For social dimension prevailing over economic and financial interest!

**LET US STRUGGLE FOR PORTUGAL AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
WITH MORE SOCIAL JUSTICE
WITH FULL EMPLOYMENT, WITH DIGNITY AND RIGHTS**