



**Central dos Trabalhadores
e Trabalhadoras do Brasil**



Resolution of the 18th Meeting of the CTB National Board

Meeting in São Paulo on May 10 and 11, 2018, the National Board of CTB approved:

1. After two years of Michel Temer's illegitimate presidential taking office, following a coup d'état that imposed an agenda of radical neoliberal restoration against the interests of the people and the nation, Brazil is experiencing an unparalleled social, economic and political retreat. in history;
2. The new labor legislation, in force for six months, reduces rights, deregulating and worsening labor relations, in confront to the previous labor laws and the Federal Constitution. The freezing of public spending for 20 years has aggravated the problems of health, education and other public services and has prevented the economic growth and the fight against mass unemployment and underemployment;
3. National sovereignty is violated by pre-salt delivery policies, privatization, sale of land to foreigners, leasing of the Alcantara base to the US, and realignment of foreign policy to Washington;
4. Democracy undergoes attacks at the same time as right-wing and extreme-right forces flourish in the shadow of the coup, beckoning to an even greater obscurantism;
5. The arrest of former President Lula, after an unfair and unproven conviction by a judge briefed by the US State Department, inaugurated a new chapter of the coup, which was backed by the second instance and the supreme court (STF);
6. The trade union movement is a priority target of the coup. The end of compulsory union contribution, embedded in the labor counter-reform, and the restriction of the collection of the attendance fee to members by a STF minister, have the clear objective of strangling financially and dismantling trade unions and centrals, in order to hamper the organization, mobilization and working class resistance to retrogression;
7. The set of policies implemented by the illegitimate government serve the interests of large capitalists and landowners, as well as of imperialism;
8. It is necessary to continue resisting and reiterate efforts to raise awareness and mobilize the working class to fight for democracy, national sovereignty and the valorization of work. The campaign to organize and strengthen trade unions must be intensified;
9. In the field it is urgent to fight for the immediate regulation of Article 31 of Law 13606/2018 authorizing the debt relief of family agriculture;

10. Strengthen the fight in defense of the right of former President Lula to stand, which corresponds to the yearning of the majority of the electorate. The only fair trial is that of the Brazilian people and the sentence against or in favor of Lula must come from the polls. They want to remove him from the game to perpetuate the coup;

11. It is indispensable to unite the trade union movement and its bases to organize a unitary platform in defense of Petrobras, Eletrobras, Cedae and other state-owned companies, as well as SUS, education and public universities;

12. The CTB National Board directs the class unionists and the working class to participate actively in the October election, aiming to build a broad democratic front and the election of progressive candidates, committed to defending the interests of the working class, democracy, development and national sovereignty.

May 11, 2018

National Board of CTB Brazil