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Political Declaration of the 18th Assembly of WFDY

- We, the representatives of the youth organizations gathered from 9 – 12 November, 2015 in Habana, Cuba on the occasion of the 19th Assembly of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY) declare the following:

Preamble

- The World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY), as an anti-imperialist, progressive, democratic and massive international non-governmental youth organization, continues to be active in the struggle of the youth and the peoples against imperialism. WFDY confirms its position to promote the unity, cooperation, organized action, solidarity and exchange of information and experiences of work and struggle among the progressive, anti-imperialist youth forces, playing an indispensable role on the struggle against imperialism, foreign interventions and occupations, fascism, nationalism, exploitation and war, for peace, international solidarity, social justice, independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and youth rights. WFDY plays a fundamental role in the reinforcement of the anti-imperialist and progressive youth movement, for the dynamism of the organized and massive struggle, and for the political and social consciousness of young people, in which the collective construction of opinion, action and involvement of the Federation plays a decisive role. Its indispensable connection to the reality for the youth and the challenges they are facing, its struggles and achievements within the youth movement result from the characteristics of its member organizations. The demands, positions and opinions of WFDY result from the action and demands of the youth movement, because the dynamic, aspirations and struggle of the youth and students' movement in each country are closely connected with the action of each of its member organizations. Due to the ideals and values it embodies, WFDY forms a pattern for the anti-imperialist youth movement at world level, as the result of its entire historical struggle and convictions.
 - The 70years of WFDY, they are a very important tool that we have today in our hands, a history that teach us and help us today to take conclusions, to pass the anti-imperialist struggle on step forward, to develop the struggle in contemporary conditions, to rally in this struggle millions of young workers, unemployed, students that they have interest to fight for another society, free from exploitation, poverty, imperialist wars.
1. During the 18thAssembly of WFDY, which took place in November2011 in Lisbon, Portugal we made a deep analysis and discussion, reflecting on the present world situation, the imperialist attacks against the youth and people, the response of the world's anti-imperialist movement through its struggle and actions and the role that WFDY has to play in the current situation, and generally based on the thematic resolutions discussed and approved during the Assembly. Since then, the reality has validated the accuracy of our evaluations and decisions, despite the intensity and high velocity of developments on many occasions. WFDY reaches its 19thAssembly stronger and richer in experiences in the contemporary struggle for the

rights and needs of the youth. in facing the old and new challenges in various countries and regions, confronting imperialism and its policies, rallying broader forces along with its organizations in the respective countries in order to fulfill the aspirations of the youth.

The world in which we live

2. Over the last four years, the situation of the youth of the world has continued to develop negatively, confirming our analysis that the wellbeing of the peoples and youth is incompatible with imperialism, as it results from the decay and the absolute contradictions of the unfair and exploitative capitalist system, that ceaselessly magnifying poverty, exploitation of peoples, unemployment, wars, interventions, oppression, occupation and fascism.
3. The most characteristic example is that of the financial crisis, the most characteristic example is that of the present capitalist crisis. It is a crisis of over- accumulation of capital, based on capitalist production and being manifested in the banking system, commercial and other sectors, that reflects a crisis at the level of the structure of the capitalist system. It consists of a massive increase of unemployment (particularly among the younger generations) and a substantial decrease of workers' purchasing power, with an impact at all levels and particularly in the access to essential goods. The financial crisis is a result of the nature of capitalism; it demonstrates its inability to make further progress for humankind. While tremendous wealth is produced by the more and more socialized production of the working class and peoples, instead of being in their hands, it rests in the hands of the big capitalist monopolies. Following the beginning of the crisis, the forces of capital in every country and the reactionary forces around the world rushed to place the burden of the crisis on the shoulders of the workers by intensifying their attacks on the workers' rights and the Public Sector. Their objective is the salvation of the capitalist system to preserve its profits, further guaranteeing the mechanisms of exploitation.
4. However, not all social classes were affected in the same way. While the workers and young people saw their rights being destroyed, their places of work closed, the raise of precariousness, and their salaries decreased, the big economic groups, particularly the bank sector, even in many occasions that they were affected, were bailed out by public funds. These facts led on one hand, to the destruction of the productive forces and public services of many countries, while on the other, the major economic groups continued to enjoy high levels of profits and wealth accumulation. The situation in countries such as Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Cyprus, Spain, and Puerto Rico represents undisputable evidence of the exploitation that these peoples face while the profits of the national and international major economic groups have remained untouched or even increased.

5. Over the last four years, with the pretext of the crisis, there has been a general trend of implementing reactionary changes on the labor laws. At youth level, this has resulted in the widespread flexible forms of work and the wide increase of precariousness among workers, that has been spread in many countries, with the creation of temporary contracts, false part-time and false “provision of services” while in fact there is a permanent work needed, absence of time schedule, and many other strategies that have the goal of raising the exploitation over workers, attack collective bargaining, destroy achievements of the workers' struggle like social security and work stability, in a situation that difficult the emancipation of many youngsters. As well as in the continuation of child labor, all of which form alarming social phenomena.
6. Such facts, contributed to deepening even further the gap between the rich and the poor, at international level as well as local level, in most countries of the world. Poverty affects today over one billion human beings, many of whom live in conditions of extreme impoverishment, while others live in conditions of hidden poverty, due, to a large extent, to the increase of the exploitation of workers, to the partial or total elimination of social mechanisms of integration and to the privatization of basic public services.
7. Alongside poverty, hunger, malnutrition, the lack of access to potable water and electricity also continue to affect millions of human beings in several parts of the world. 2015 is the year-limit for the Development Goals of the Millennium of the UN, and the reality shows that, despite the significant advances in several countries, many of the goals are still unsolved, and some of the situations were even aggravated, due to the raise of the imperialist aggressiveness and its predatory interventions, both military or economical, spreading misery, destruction, hunger and poverty. According to the UN, 836 million people live in extreme poverty. In a world where the development of science have reached a place in which the distribution of resources and needs can be easily performed, however only the nature of the capitalist system can explain why people continue to die from hunger daily and live without water or electricity.
8. The access to education continues to be, for an increasing number of young people, just a mirage. The absence of consistent public policies, in many countries, and the partial or total privatization of schools and universities, the destructive consequences that the imperialistic wars have on the infrastructure related to education many countries in the world, leads to a situation in which only a small percentage of the young people all over the world can actually have full access to all levels of education without any sort of social economic barrier. At the same time, the increasing control of the large economic groups over the higher education system confines the curricular contents in all education degrees and scientific research to their own interests and not the interests of the peoples. By consequence, education or the absence of it continues to be a tool of reproducing the dominant system and its ideology, creating armies of "obedient workers

9. The youth faces attacks against its right to access culture, with policies that gentrify the access to the cultural creation and enjoyment – like the state budget cuts for Culture, high prices, privatization of cultural spaces, etc. - and also with the cultural and ideological dominance of imperialism, that imposes the culture as mere entertainment and as a commodity to sell and buy, the erase and distortion of national and regional popular culture, and the promotion of the cultural and ideological hegemony of the USA, with the goal of spreading the values of individualism and glorification of the rich. The attack against the access to culture, combined with school programs distorting History, the mediatic offensive in TV's, newspapers and online platforms, distorting the reality, constitute a gigantic ideological offensive that has the youth as main target, since imperialism fears the natural availability of the youth to take part in the social transformation.
10. Also the right of the youth to have access to sport is compromised in many countries, with the attack against the popular sportive associations, against the public support to sports, namely in the Education system, at the same time as the high competition and professional sports are being more and more invaded by the great capital, turning sports into a big business, unaccessible for the majority of young people, with consequences also on the health. The right to a healthy environment is put at stake by imperialism, a system that promotes profit at all cost, even if it means the destruction of the environment.
11. Amongst the imperialist threat against the survival of mankind, climate change is one of the biggest. WFDY affirms the right for mankind and the youth in particular to a clean and sustainable environment . That right is at stake by the imperialist powers which exploit nature without any limit, not even wars. Especially in the developing world which are the principal victims of the consequences of climate change but also in the developed countries where only the rich and wealthy elite will be able to protect themselves from the destructive effects of the climate crisis they caused themselves.
12. One of the main aspects of imperialism is to divide the people to serve its interests. Capitalism perpetuates double exploitation and patriarchy, and as such, one of the main expressions of this is gender inequality. We can see this through the precarious and underpaid working conditions women face, mass femicide, and the use of rape as a weapon of war by imperialist powers. Indigenous populations in the world are also among some of the most oppressed as they face national exploitation, and in many occasions, endure genocidal policies implemented by imperialist forces in the world. For instance, they are dispossessed of their land and traditional rights. Currently, they face racism and are victims of violence and police brutality. They are also among one of the first victims of environmental destruction, fostered by the need of imperialism to access and control new resources.

13. The general worsening of the living conditions has found no exception in the access to health. Health, as education, is targeted by the private capital, a process which is in many cases proposed and supported by several governments. Despite the fact that in many countries in Latin America and other in the world, where the youth is achieving its right to access public health. Millions of young people around the world continue to live without the right to access to proper disease prevention or healing facilities. The use of human experiments in medication in some countries that face extreme poverty or are under imperialist attack is a demonstration of the inhumanity of imperialism. Among others, the absence of strong public policy of many governments to handle sexual health of the young people is responsible for the continuation of the spread of sexual diseases, with a particular emphasis on the still massively deadly HIV/AIDS.

14. As a result of these facts and the facts of war, interventions, and occupations over the last four years, migration and massive refugees has increased. It is important to underline that both the European Union and the USA use the labor force of immigrants to intensify the exploitation of the workers (both in their own countries and source countries of the immigrants). It is important to point out that the true solution for the thousands of immigrants is to find a better condition in their homelands to work and develop, and at the time to indicate that those who are responsible for the increased unemployment, war, and fascism are also responsible for the lives of thousands that immigrate daily into an ambiguous future. It is also important to point out that the controllers of the system who launch the most xenophobic policies and messages against immigrants and refugees, are actually those who are in control of the violence and the aggressiveness that are responsible for making thousands of people (mostly youngsters) arrive in other countries every year, with no conditions, for a life of practical or actual slavery. This is another expression of the cruelty of imperialism which, along with the "Europe Fortress" doctrine of the European Union and its xenophobic policies, kill (sometimes actually murdering), every year, thousands of people whose only "crime" was to search for better living conditions. It is important to say that the reason of immigration is the war and the economic situation, is in every corner of the world that someone will go to struggle as a part of the working class movement, and to show that the responsible for this negative situation is not the immigrant but the capitalist system which -especially today- has as a basic characteristic the immigration and the world has assisted to the crisis of the Refugees in the Mediterranean. Thousands of refugees, have been trying to reach Europe, in order to escape from the situation of war and destruction that they face in their countries. These situation is a result of the imperialist intervention in these countries. We openly contradict the hypocritical acts of those European states who showcase themselves as refugee-friendly countries, but use the debates to strengthen their migration laws and heating up racist debates to undermine the rights on asylum and migration.

15. Undoubtedly, a particular trait of the period, that we live, is the accentuation of the conflicts within imperialism, that aggravate under the conditions of capitalist crisis. Those conflicts are increasingly profound and dangerous. Our objective must be the total defeat of imperialism in the world. despite crisis and the tremendous attacks against the workers and youth rights (on many occasions on the pretext of absence of money), the militarization by the US and its allies, with vast amounts of money being invested in the renewal of armies, weaponry, research for new and more sophisticated weapons, nuclear weapons and arsenals, promotion of conflicts, occupations and the conducting of imperialist wars.
16. On another aspect, the support of fascism and fascist groups by imperialism is hysterically elevating, trying to create pressure in one hand and to insure a tool of chaos in another. Fascism is threatening the integrity, sovereignty, and unity of several countries. In many countries the raise of fascist forces presents serious dangers for lives of people. Fascist forces are a tool of imperialism to impose its agenda of social regression and withdrawal of rights that has been used in moments of deep crisis of the imperialist system, as the moment we are living nowadays, as an “escape” created by imperialism for the youth's dissatisfaction towards the system. In Ukraine, using the legitimate discontentment of the people in result of the dramatic consequences of the capitalist restoration in the country, a coup d'etat against a democratically elected government, supported by the USA, the EU and NATO, lead to the imposition of a government with fascist elements, that has been applying a policy of attack against the rights of the Ukrainian workers, people and youth. Also the existence of ISIS and similar groups in the Middle East which is threatening the unity and sovereignty of the countries as well as destroying the lives of thousands of peoples and their culture, and the culture of their ancestors. As well as destroying the lives of thousands of peoples and their culture, and the culture of their ancestors.

Imperialism: number one enemy of the youth and peoples

17. In the four years since the last General Assembly of WFDY, we have seen all qualities of the imperialist system, which is the highest monopoly stage of capitalism. The deep capitalist economic crisis has sharpened the conflicts between imperialists: the upheavals within the imperialist system, the process of the monopolies for the reapportionment of the markets, wealth resources, transportation roads of Energy and commodities. We have witnessed the aggravate internationalization of capital, the aggressive spreading of monopolies and big economical corporations, the deepening of rivalries for the share of markets, and the more frequent application of reactionary policies against the rights of the peoples and the youth. The attacks against the rights of the peoples, such as the attack against the right to work, to labor rights, to health care, to education, to life with dignity, are directly related to the aggressive, deadly attacks against the sovereignty of independent states, by military threats, occupations, invasions, by the

oppression of any democratic forces and fundamental human rights. These attacks are interrelated in the fact that that they all serve the same interests and ultimate goal which is the expansion of the global and domestic dominations of the ruling economic monopolies.

18. WFDY and its member organizations base the organizing of the international anti-imperialist struggle on the fact that imperialism is a global system where imperialist forces take part, and hold their respective position according to their economic, political and military force. This position is given in the imperialist pyramid and through this they demand for their monopolies the best share, participating in a process of balancing and antagonizing, moving up and down the pyramid with the changes of the correlation of forces. The capitalist classes of all countries, the political forces that serve the interests of the capitalists. The great capital, constituted by the monopolies, the political forces and the governments that serve the interest of big business, the international alliances and institutions that serve the interests of the great capital, they are all organic parts of the imperialist system, and all carry relations of exploitation and oppression. That is why they must be targeted by anti-imperialist struggle. Their alliances, temporary or permanent, their participation in imperialist organisms, such as NATO and the EU or other regional alliances, aim at the more successful carrying-out of the interests of the ruling classes. In the international imperialist system there is no place for balanced development and relations of equality between states and peoples, due to the existence of the law of asymmetric development. Under the service of the capital we find agencies that are materials of imperialism like the World Bank and IMF that create debts on various countries of the world that are paid by the people. WFDY demands the cancellation of these debts that were not created by the people but nevertheless they are forced to pay them. A world of peace, sovereignty and democracy, social justice cannot be achieved without the defeat of imperialism, which gives us more strength to continue uniting all those who struggle against imperialism, in its national and international expressions, achieving anti-monopolist and anti-imperialist transformations.

19. The region of the Middle East continue to be the centre of the most aggressive imperialist attacks, due to the vast wealth of this region, namely in energy recourses, and its geographical position, crossed by determinant trade routes. The imperialist aggression on the Middle East, that have the USA as its leader and Israel as its most loyal regional allied, has increased to unprecedented levels in the last four years, spreading wars and political-military interference that affects, directly or indirectly, the youth of all the countries of the Region and poses new dangers for Peace in the region and in the world. Despite the attempts to forge the truth, the occupation in Pakistan, and Afghanistan by NATO troops continues with thousands of foreign troops stationed on the ground in each of these countries. The intervention of imperialism, USA, EU, Turkey, Israel, and the Arabic Gulf states, and their support to fascism and fascist groups in Syria is threatening the sovereignty and unity of Syria, and results to the immigration of

thousands of Syrian people. WFDY expresses its solidarity and continuous support besides the youth and peoples of Syria in their struggle against terrorism to safeguard the unity and sovereignty of Syria. WFDY also demands the end of imperialist terrorist war on Syria as well as to abolish the deep sanctions that were implemented by the imperialist systems on the Syrian people. This support of fascism also costs Iraq to enter in a war with ISIS and similar groups, and disturbed the situation in Lebanon causing genocides and destruction of culture. While the invasion of NATO into Libya, under the pretext of the UN Resolution 1973 imposing a no-fly zone, entered the country into chaos on the development and self-determination of the people in their wealth and resources. Today the fight against fascism is with all the forces, nationally and internationally, who place themselves with the people against the fascist ideology and against its supporters and the capitalist system who creates them. The destiny of Syria is in the hands of the Syrian people, through a political solution that insures the conservation of the state where the Syrian people decide the present and future of the country.

20. The occupation of Palestine by Zionism still exists, and today more than ever under international silence. In addition to the continuous occupation of the Syrian Golan and the Lebanese KafrShuba hills and Shebaa Farms. The war against the Palestinians, the discrimination, the displacement of millions of people from their lands, the economic barriers, the apartheid wall, the daily arrests, and the illegal detaining, all are part of the Zionist plan to occupy all of Palestine. The Israeli entity since its presence until now was and is still a tool in the hands of imperialism and now more than ever is playing a dangerous role in the destruction of the region. Not to forget the fascist behavior of the Israeli government with the Palestinians. WFDY strongly confirms the right of all the refugees to return, it also confirms to stand beside the struggle of the Palestinian people, and supports its resistant, until achieving its full right in having its independent state based on the borders of 1967 with east Jerusalem as its capital, and the application of all the legitimate international agreements including the United Nations resolutions in the cause of Palestine. WFDY supports the struggle of the youth that is connected with the efforts made in order to put pressure against the occupation of Palestine.
21. While Yemen is being attacked by the so called "Arabic Alliance" morphologically led by Saudi Arabia but truly lead by USA and Israel, in an attempt to destroy another country and create another battle field of chaos to serve the plan of imperialism. Forbidding the people of Yemen of the political solution and of the right of determination and choice.
22. The expansion and reinforcement of NATO forces, the strengthening of its relationship with the European Union and its new strategic concept that allows for interventions, under any pretext, in national issues as a police patrol of the imperialist interests, reaffirms NATO as the deadliest killing machine of our world, not only because of its six decades of death and destruction, but also because of its intentions of future

interventions. Additionally NATO is aiming to expand its influence through using of the "Partnership for Peace". The strategy of NATO also enhances the cooperation with the EU, revealing the character of the latter as an imperialist union for the establishment and training of armed forces, which act against "extremism" on the inside and outside of the borders (Euro force, FRONTEX), aiming first and foremost on all of those who fight to defend the rights of the peoples and the youth against imperialism. The creation of economical-political treaties like the Transatlantic Pact (TTIP) and CETA, that would create the biggest free trade area in the planet and that has been described by north-american leaders as a "economical NATO" – that represents a serious attack against the worker's, peoples' and youth rights –, combined with the raise of NATO aggressiveness, shows once again the predatory character of the imperialist concertation. WFDY reaffirms its position of struggling against NATO, considering that the defeat of imperialism and its international structures like NATO is necessary to build a world of peaceful coexistence, social justice and democracy. Today the demand of the youth for against of NATO all other imperialist organizations is more needed than ever. Peaceful co-existence of the peoples can only be found outside of these organisms that serve the interests of the capitalists.

23. The creation of new foreign military bases in every continent of the world, the reactivation of USA 4th and 5th Fleets, the nuclear deal celebrated between USA and other countries, the efforts by the EU for the creation and the establishment of the Euro-Army, the deployment of US troops and equipment in Eastern European countries so as to revive the project of the so called "anti-missile shield", with the most recent example the intervention of European Union, USA and NATO in Ukraine that comes also with the support of EU-NATO to the fascists of Ukraine, on the same time where the anticommunist propaganda is enhanced and promoted in the country and in Europe generally; the several military exercises of NATO in the Baltic Sea, in the Black Sea, in Portugal, Spain and Italy, that were one of the biggest exercises ever made in order to test the capacity of NATO to intervene and to put military pressure over the Middle East are all alarming signs of rapid escalation of the militarization of the world, which can rapidly develop into a large-scale conflict, with nuclear or other highly sophisticated weapons, of unpredictable consequences for the future of mankind.
24. The beginning of the normalization of the diplomatic relationship between USA and Cuba is the result of the continues resistance and the victory of Cuban people, however the ending of the murderer blockage didn't start yet, and this is another proof of the untruthfulness of USA. The unjust sanctions against Eritrea and Zimbabwe, the presence of AFRICOM inside of Africa, that is threatening the integrity and sovereignty of the countries. As well as the ongoing occupation of Western Sahara by the Moroccan authorities, preventing them from having the right of self-determination of the Saharawi people, which is against all the UN resolutions and the principles of international law. WFDY reaffirms its steadfast position on the side of

the Saharawi youth and their right to a free sovereign state! In addition Turkey is drawn into chaos by the imperialists who dare to make use of an efficient violence against Kurdish and Turkish peoples on the same time that they threaten any progressive voice in the country and the peace movement, also another reflection of the imperialist character of Turkey is the ongoing occupation of Cyprus. WFDY confirms its support towards the people of Cyprus and their demand for freedom and reunification under the solution of a bi-zonal bi-communal federation with a single sovereignty and a single international personality. Furthermore, the continued hostile policy towards the people of DPRK and the aggressive military exercise of USA and South Korea that is blocking the peace and reunification solution of the peninsula, is also another example of how imperialism is threatening the peace and dividing the peoples. Struggles against U.S. military bases are continuing in South Korea and Japan, especially in Okinawa where they are trying to stop the constitution of a new U.S. marine base.

25. To ensure its domination, imperialism has never hesitated to tear apart the most fundamental democratic rights of the people and of the youth. Over the last four years, the examples have been increased considerably. Just to mention the spread of fascism around the whole world in the manner of dividing and attacking the sovereignty of various countries in a way of fulfilling the plans of imperialism. It is proven that fascism is a material in the hands of the capitalist class and of imperialism. Although that these fascist movements are expressed by different faces and forms, they all have the same act against the society. The official policy in the EU for the falsification of the historical truth, where with the use of an anti communism propaganda they are trying to equate communism with fascism, and trying to overwrite the decisive contribution of the Soviet Union in the Peoples victory against fascism.
26. Over the last four years, the mass media has continued to play an important role as a vehicle of the dominant ideology and manipulation of the minds of the young people of the world. Used to impose its principles and values, along with education, the media (television, cinema, radio and internet) form a huge investment of the major economic groups in order to keep passing the messages that defend the system: that there is no alternative to the policies imposed, that there is no point struggling against these policies; and that the system needs what is necessary to be done even if this involves starting wars.
27. To defeat imperialism, our number one enemy there is a necessity of reinforcing our anti-imperialist struggle in national, regional and international level, which is today more than ever tied to a struggle not only against imperialism but also against its expressions and against the exploitative policies that attack the youth rights.

Let's defeat imperialism for a world of peace, solidarity and social transformation

28. The 18th World Festival of Youth and Students, held in Ecuador, in December 2013, was a powerful demonstration of the growing strength of the anti-imperialist youth movement. Building on the success of the 17th WFYS and on the rich and historical tradition of the Festival's Movement, the 18th WFYS gathered 8000 young people from 88 countries, as the highest moment of one year of preparations around the world that involved hundreds of thousands of people in the thousands of local, regional, national and international preparatory and promotional events. The contents and outcomes of the 18th WFYS reaffirm the readiness of the youth of the world to fight against imperialism, for a world of peace, solidarity and social transformation. Thus WFDY need to continue promoting the idea of the WFYS and giving the necessary efforts in order to keep alive the movement of the festival, on the same time that it will secure its character.
29. Moreover, the success and massive character of important events, such as the international solidarity mission to Venezuela, the international events in Namibia and Egypt, the international solidarity brigade towards the victims of the earthquakes in Nepal, the international seminar in Moscow on the 9th of May 2015 with the participation of WFDY, along with the Women's International Democratic Federation, the World Peace Council and the World Federation of Trade Unions reinforce our hopes that our struggle becomes stronger by the day and that, that together with us, our allies are growing stronger and more fit in our common battle against imperialism.
30. Despite the difficulties and the grim scenario of our days caused by the powerful offense of imperialism at a global scale, the ongoing struggles of the youth, of the workers and the popular strata provide us the hope and the courage to continue with our struggle until the day of the defeat of imperialism. Specifically, the popular movements defense of the youth's rights against zionism and imperialist aggression, for democracy and secularism; the struggles for the respect of democratic rights and against racism; the struggles of young workers and students against the policies of withdrawal of rights and social regression; the struggle against colonialism, neocolonialism, interference and destabilization, for the right to a sovereign and peaceful development ; the struggle against the political, diplomatic and financial interference of the USA and its allies, the sabotage of big business, the military pressure and menaces, that aims to impose the defeat of the processes of sovereign, progressist and revolutionary affirmation in order to impose the imperialist, together with the struggle to defend the victories and achieve more rights for the youth and the deepening of the processes; the struggle of the youth in many countries against machism, communalism, and sectarian fundamentalism, for the right of the youth to have a life without poverty, with access to social, political and economical rights, and against the militarization, a clear evidence that there is no country

where its people are not willing or able to rise for their rights. We support the important manifestations of the youth, popular and anti-imperialist struggle that has increased in the past period all over the world, reaffirming that the struggle of the masses, and the anti-imperialist unity, are the engine of social transformation. We believe that these struggles must increase their levels of organization and mobilization. The road for real changes in these countries is still long. It is directly connected with the strengthening of organized struggle with the aim to become class oriented that will not limit itself in the ousting of one oppressor, but rather it will aim at the overthrow of the imperialism as a system.

31. The misguided belief that such a process can be achieved only through mobile phone messages and social networks activity is an illusion created in order to discredit the organized and consequent struggle and, in this way, defend the system from what it fears the most: persistent, organized and militant resistance, work and struggle.
32. It's important to mention, that the process of changes in Latin America, where the popular, democratic and progressist forces triumphed, there were opened the possibility to substantial improvements in the living conditions in favor to the people. In this contexts, we are following closely the developments in the regional cooperation mechanisms such as ALBA and others integration spaces like UNASUR and CELAC, that represents an important step forward in confront the hegemonic plans of north American imperialism in the region, confrontation expressed in the defeat of ALCA 10 years ago, creating the grounds for a international relations based in justice, mutual cooperation and solidarity. To deepen this process its necessary build a correlation of forces in favor of the interest of the working class, the popular movement and the progressist and democratic forces, to promote the changes and structural transformations that these are being demanding today.
33. We denounce the permanent attacks against the Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela and its people who struggle to safeguard the sovereignty of the country and the achievements, despite the economic sanctions imposed by imperialists, and also we denounce the attacks against the rest of the progressive governments of Latin America, which are a result of the interventionist policy of US and European imperialist with the cooperation of the national great capital, that has increased its aggregation and its collaboration with the imperialist activities of CIA and the USA against the peoples of Latin America. The total liberation of the five Cuban patriotic heroes that were unjustly imprisoned in the USA, is a victory of the Cuban people and youth, of the Cuban revolution, of the immense strength of the international solidarity, after a worldwide campaign where WFDY and the World Festivals of Youth and Students gave an important contribution in the youth level – this victory gives us strength to continue our solidarity towards the Cuban people and youth, against the economic blockade of the USA, and also to continue struggling in each country. Further we see and support the efforts of the people of Colombia for the peace process claiming the establishment

of a bilateral ceasefire, hoping that it will be possible to sing the pace, because the peace in Colombia is the peace in Latin America.

34. The continuation of the struggle of the peoples and youth in the countries under military intervention and occupation represents a strong inspiration for everyday battles in all countries. The youth of Iraq, Libya, Palestine, Western Sahara and Syria consist a proof that even under the harshest conditions, it is necessary and possible to resist. We rally alongside those peoples and firmly stand in solidarity, reaffirming that just like other peoples defeated imperialism and colonialism, so can those who are under the fire now.
35. The continuation of the struggles of the youth at many different levels indicates that it is necessary to keep struggling. The powerful and massive struggles of students for the right to access education, for peace and for other demands have been an important part of the youth movement and its growing activity and impact in each country. The incorporation of more and more young workers in the struggles developed by the workers' movement has been an essential part of the strengthening of the struggle against unemployment, precariousness, absence of working conditions, insufficient wages and other contemporary demands. Furthermore, the engagement of the youth in other expressions of struggle, alone or as part of the general movement, for peace, public services, housing, defense of the environment, right to health, among others, has been growing and represents a positive development of the last four years.
36. During the past four years with the several political developments, the elevated aggression of imperialism and introduction of war, interventions, and invasions, the growth of fascism and their support by imperialism, had also increased popular movements, and the steadfastness of the peoples in various places of the world, the rise of new forces alongside the benefits of peoples, thus the anti-imperialist youth of the world are among a greater challenge to enhance their struggle in order to set the alternative to the social – economical – political destruction that is threatening peoples worldwide. A greater responsibility is passed to the youth organizations to work harder within their youth and progressive forces, for a system which will allow the development and progress of its people and will secure access to work, education, science, creativity, research, health, housing, etc... This process will also reflect at international level within the World Federation of Democratic Youth, by its presence, political position, and activities worldwide.
37. All around the world, in many countries, several so called "spontaneous" movements of protest have appeared, in many cases, lead and composed essentially by young people. The attempt made, by forces of the system, to manipulate all those that express "spontaneously" their rage against the dominant politics is obvious. : we can see how some "spontaneous" demonstrations were clearly orchestrated by CIA and big business in order to attack democratic governments, such as happened in Venezuela and Brazil, or in the many attempts to promote the so called "colorful revolutions" that has been in the imperialist handbook

for decades, and other attempts of coup d'etat and destabilization, as happened in many countries of Africa. However, some of these movements, that claim to be "apolitical", have assumed massive expressions in many countries and, in some cases, part of the demands of the workers' movement and of the progressive political parties. These movements pass through various stages of development and crisis; they accept different types of influences. In some occasions they express demands that cannot give a clear alternative and aim to the struggle. Under certain conditions, the working, popular and youth masses participate in these movements.

38. This effort is part of a general strategy of imperialism and of the dominant classes to entrap the peoples and the youth in an anti-political party and anti-class trade unionism line, in order to confuse them, leading them to think that all forces and organizations are the same, thereby keeping the discontented layers isolated, without aim and orientation, to lead to confusion and ultimately disenchantment, preventing them from gathering and organizing along with their allies and successfully marching towards the accomplishment of their goals, that can only be attained by the defeat of imperialism and its allies in each country. The struggle against imperialism and all its expressions keeps being one of the main objectives of the anti-imperialist youth of the world, through its organization, awareness and mobilization in the heat of the struggle of the working class as the only guarantee of the advancement in the transformation of our concrete realities. The anti-imperialist struggle of the youth, of WFDY and its members is our own only-way. The replacement of war with peace and the peaceful co-existence of the peoples; of poverty and misery with wellbeing; of unemployment with the right of work and education for all; all these demand the replacement of imperialism, with another social-economic system more progressed where the fundamental means of production will be in the hands of the people and when economy is developed in the scope of the popular needs. Under these conditions can the causes of unemployment and poverty be alleviated and the popular needs can be fulfilled. This is the ground on which the peoples can live peacefully, creatively and utilize for their own interest the produced wealth for the sake of the people. Under different conditions, the endless cycle of capitalist crises and wars will continue.

Fortify WFDY, strengthen the anti-imperialist struggle, for a world of peace, solidarity and revolutionary social transformation!

39. The struggle against imperialism demands better and more capable organization at all levels and the international solidarity and coordination is no exception. In this sense, the reinforcement of WFDY can be seen as key aspect of our common struggle against imperialism: only a stronger WFDY will be capable of representing a source of support to the struggles given in all countries of the world by the youth in order to resist the imperialist offense and to defeat all forms of oppression.

40. The reinforcement of WFDY demands from all member organizations, to deepen its commitment to the work and needs of the Federation. All organizations, should respond to the calls for action of WFDY, regardless whether these relate to external aspects (implementation of campaigns, mobilization for activities, etc.) or internal matters (mobilization for meetings, payment of membership fees, etc.).
41. In line with that, in the coming years, we decide to develop efforts to ensure the continuation of the regular meetings of the leadership bodies of WFDY (CC and GC), as well as to make these organs more collectively responsible for the decisions making, implementing and evaluating process. Together with that, the individual responsibility of each organization that is part of these bodies is underlined and efforts will be made, to ensure that, as much as possible, all organizations are called to assume specific tasks to the CC/HQ as part of their condition of member of the leadership (CC or GC) of the Federation. This process demands that the CC/HQ pays special attention to the balanced division of tasks, but also that the remaining members of WFDY leadership continuously enquire the CC/HQ how they can be more and more useful, so that coordinated and successful action is taken.
42. To continue strengthening WFDY, it is necessary to keep paying special attention to the work of the regional commissions of WFDY. To keep the regularity of the meetings in all regions will continue to be a priority for the coming years, while making an attempt to be more closely related with developing stronger capability of initiative of each regional commission. The realization of activities such as conferences, camps, seminars and campaigns at regional level is encouraged as a way to take advantage of the potential of WFDY's structure combined with the geographical proximity of the members of each given region, in general terms. The concretization of these guidelines carries with it the need for better and more efficient coordination between the central work of WFDY (CC/HQ) and each one of the five regional commissions.
43. The reinforcement of WFDY needs the continuation of the measures to ensure financial health, through the continuation of cutting of unnecessary expenses, but mainly through the increase of its income. The regular payment of the membership fees by each and every member, together with the imperative increase in the contribution of the organizations that enjoy better financial health based on the principle "from each one, according to its possibilities", are key aspects for WFDY to be able to keep pushing forward its anti-imperialist action free of any pressure or dependence upon outside bodies. Searching other sources of income through the potential of the prestige and the number of activities developed by WFDY member organizations, searching contributions for the International Fund of the Democratic youth and other forms of cooperation that are in line and within the principles and priorities of WFDY, are complementary guidelines for action that should be taken in mind and are further developed in the Financial Report.

44. Building on the success of the 18thWFYS, all WFDY members, in coordination with the CC/HQ, should do their very best to ensure the continuation of the Festival's Movement, paying a huge deal of attention to finding the proper host for the 19thWFYS. As the recent past has shown, WFDY should not be obsessed with time frames or artificial criteria, given that the most important is that, whenever and wherever it is, the 19thWFYS represents a step forward in the rich and glorious tradition of anti-imperialist, broad-based, self-financed and massive Festivals that WFDY and the youth movement have built over the last six decades. It is important though that the youth should be the pioneers for the movement of the WFYS. The activities, the procedure and generally the decisions in relation with the WFYS shall remain in the bodies of the movement. Cooperation and bilateral respect between the bodies must remain secured within the movement of the festival, based on the political position and history of WFDY.
45. The 70th anniversary of the Festival's Movement and, particularly, the 70th anniversary of WFDY are important moments for the reaffirmation of the anti-imperialist principles of our struggle. Celebrations were done in various countries where WFDY has member organizations, through the adequate expressions at all levels, always linking the rich past of the Movement and WFDY to the struggle for the contemporary needs of the youth. In addition to the position of WFDY members in the political developments in their countries nowadays, and the role of these organizations and thus WFDY as an international federation in the struggle against imperialism internationally. The activities done in Namibia, Venezuela, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, Lebanon and various places, as well as the magazine of WFDY, and the statements are examples of the activities done for the anniversary of WFDY.
46. As part of the work of international solidarity, WFDY will continue to develop concrete actions to spread that solidarity among all peoples of the world, particularly close to those that are more violently suffering the imperialist oppression. WFDY solidarity and volunteer missions with the struggle of peoples against occupation, war, invasion, with self-determination, and development is a way of expressing WFDY role, duty, and presence among the youth of the world.
47. In the coming years, having in mind the positive experiences of the recent past, WFDY will develop once again thematic campaigns. Depending on the global conditions of particular points in time, WFDY should be in the position to organize campaigns accordingly. Given the present international situation, the right of self-determination, the right of freedom, the rights of young workers, against the destruction of environment and for the right to public water and the struggle against militarization could be the themes developed in these campaigns, which target is to reach as many young people as possible, mobilizing them for their rights, and deepening the debate among WFDY member organizations and, therefore, WFDY itself.

48. To give expression to the intense activity of WFDY, we will continue publishing regularly the bulletin "WFDY News" and, once a year, the magazine "World Youth". The member organizations of WFDY will be requested more contributions to the contents and the publication of these materials. WFDY will continue publishing statements on outstanding issues of the international situation, with particular focus on the youth related matters. WFDY shall study forms to take even better advantage of the potentialities of the new technologies, looking to improve even further the quality and dynamics of its website. Still on the side of the publications, WFDY will continue to publish posters and other means of propaganda to promote its main activities and mobilize the youth for the struggle against imperialism.
49. WFDY will always use all possible ways in order to be present among the anti-imperialist youth of the world, as the frontier of the struggle against imperialism and all its tools. Together with the anti-imperialist youth WFDY will boost the challenge of being the alternative of the imperialist system that is leading the destruction of the world.
50. WFDY will develop efforts to enhance the communication and coordination of work with its international partners, aiming at taking the cooperation to a higher level, where joint statements, actions and activities can be developed, the young people, by attempting to add more value to what is already a rich and intense activity in the continuation of the path to reinforce the prestige of the federation.
51. Throughout the coming years, WFDY will continue to develop its relations with the UN and the UNESCO to take to the international platforms the voice of the youth and denouncing the hideous crimes of imperialism. The participation in UN and UNESCO Meetings, making use of the ECOSOC consultative status and of the good operational relations with the Youth Section of the UNESCO, is an important guideline for our work at institutional level. In the framework of the Participation Program of the UNESCO, WFDY will continue to preserve its historical archive and patrimony, taking steps to make its contents a tool for the youth of the world in the development of the struggles ahead, on the same time that WFDY will have a clear position against the usage of the UN by USA and other imperialist states that they are aiming through the UN to impose their constitutional map.
52. Honoring the rich tradition left by the previous generations since 1945, as well as the struggle and position of WFDY through all these years, WFDY member organizations will never quit struggling against all forms of oppression, domination or discrimination, occupation, war, intervention, exploitation, racism, fascism, and destruction of life, against imperialism all its forms and tools. WFDY will forever stand by the youth in all its demands and struggles. Our banners and slogans are more than just flags in the wind, they represent the aspiration of millions of young people of all countries, cultural backgrounds and religious opinions of a world where peace, sovereignty, democracy, social progress and youth rights are reality at all levels.

Despite the powerful enemy we have ahead of us, the imperialist world order, every day we receive signs that make us more and more optimistic, that the victory will be ours one day: all throughout the world the people, workers and youth are rising and leaving behind the feeling nothing can be done to change the world. United, organized and struggling the peoples are invincible, may we then fortify WFDY and strengthen the anti-imperialist struggle, for a world of peace, solidarity and revolutionary social transformation!