

RESOLUTION

We, participants in the All-Ukrainian Protest March, representing trade unions and trade union confederations with the total membership of 8 million, strongly protest the shock increase in gas price that has led to the double increase in communal tariffs for the population and will take most families to the brink of survival.

For the last two years the inflation exceeded 180%, when the minimum wage guaranteed by state increased only by 19%, and real workers' wages, on the contrary, reduced by one third.

To protect people from the price shock the Government proposes to apply for subsidies. Surely, this type of state support is appropriate for pensioners, disabled, unemployed, large families, but by no means for working people.

Without adequate increase in wages, the vast majority of workers will apply for the subsidies. This is a big step backwards for the country that took a path of reforms and European integration.

We confirm that the policy of subsidies does not find support among workers, creates dependency mood in the society, lead to concealment of income, informal labour relations. This choice requires further increase in public spending on subsidies and thereby increase the tax burden on legal economy and workers.

Therefore, we, representatives of trade unions, whose main task and responsibility is the social protection, could not silently watch the violation of workers right to earn enough to live decently guaranteed by the Constitution.

We strongly protest shock increases in prices and tariffs not backed by relevant increases in wages. We demand from the Parliament and Government of Ukraine to prevent social dumping in the country.

We join our forces to express our common position, bring it to the attention of the Ukrainian society and call authorities to immediately react to the situation.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE ALL-UKRAINIAN PROTEST MARCH DEMAND

from the Government and Parliament of Ukraine:

- to immediately implement fair reform of wage system;
- to set from 1 October minimum wage at the level of fairly calculated living wage of UAH 3000, increase pensions and students' scholarships;

from owners and employers:

- to immediately, from 1 August, increase wages at least by 15%, for the account of savings from two-fold reduction in the level of single social contribution;

from Parliament members:

- to immediately, by the end of the current session of the Parliament, hear the report of the Government and National Commission on the State Regulation of Energy and Utilities concerning the grounds for the increases in gas price and communal tariffs, adequacy of proposed social protection measures;
- to pass relevant decisions to prevent reduction of living standards of the population.

WE STATE that if our demands are ignored the trade unions will resort to more hard actions including strikes as provided by Article 44 of the Constitution of Ukraine.

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