

RESOLUTION

Participants in the trade union rally, representing 7 million workers from all sectors of the economy, are indignant at Government's antisocial plans transforming into perpetual shock therapy for Ukrainians.

Today state social guarantees, i.e. minimum wage and minimum pension, are less than USD 80 and are far below the UN level of poverty of USD 5 per day. Due to such a state policy Ukrainians are among the poorest nations in the world.

Recently purchasing power of the population has decreased in three times. Shadow economy is spreading. Only 9 million Ukrainians out of 22 million able-bodied citizens are legally employed and bear the entire tax burden.

The State suspended the labour inspection, refused to perform the control over implementation of the labour rights and its main constitutional duty to ensure the observance of human rights and freedoms.

The Government «froze» living wage, minimum wage and pensions though the inflation exceeded 20% since the beginning of the year.

The Government is very cynical proposing to raise these state guarantees only by 3% in 2015 while forecasting 13% inflation for the same period. This will lead to further decrease in purchasing power by one third over two years and put workers and pensioners on the brink of survival.

Declaring intentions to reach European living standards the Government delivers a destructive blow to workers and whole sectors crucial for the development of the country: education and health care.

By initiating numerous restrictions the Government, as an employer, is going to cut public sector workers' wages by half though they are already 20-50% lower than in private sector.

Increasing the workload the Government is planning to fire more than 100 thousand teachers and education workers, close practically all primary schools in the countryside, and increase the class size to 39-59 pupils in schools and 39 children in pre-school facilities.

In fact it is planned to deny citizens most of their constitutional rights to work, to receive free healthcare, education, pensions and social insurance.

The Government is purposefully destroying the unique system of trade union sanatoria and rehabilitation facilities that contributes to the recovery of labour resources.

Having forgotten the primary causes of the Revolution of Dignity that brought today's officials to the power the Government fails to secure constitutional guarantees of workers and proper social protection of veterans, students and other vulnerable groups.

The Government has to realise that it is unacceptable to solve country's problems solely at the expense of plundering people that ensure moral and physical health of the nation and honestly pay taxes. The Government could avoid most unpopular restrictions by making oligarchs share their superprofits.

Trade unions call the Government to immediately start consultations with employers' organisations and trade unions in order to jointly analyze available resources, find alternative sources to fill the budget, including formalisation of employment of more than

4 million informal workers, UAH 200 billion in shadow wages, that could generate additional revenues of UAH 100 billion to the budget, pension and social funds.

Other measures should include:

- introduction of the tax on wealth – the rich have to share their superprofits with the poor;
- implementation of the efficient anti-corruption programme to stop outflow of above UAH 180 billion from the official economy as bribes;
- expanding the base of royalties – natural resources are owned by all people;
- increasing tax on dividends – it's not acceptable that tax on the income from capital is three times lower than the tax on wages;
- implementation of mechanisms to fight tax evasion and the use of tax havens;
- increasing excises on alcohol, tobacco and other harmful goods;
- introduction of the tax on gross income of large businesses to generate revenues for the national defence;
- renewal of the effective state control over observance of the labour legislation – it will facilitate labour legalization and generation of budget revenues.

It is necessary to define clear and understandable measures to introduce fair wages, eliminate poverty among workers, reduce the gap in wages with the European countries, ensure high effective demand for domestic goods, that is crucial to end the economic crisis and fight against unemployment.

That is why, in order to prevent negative consequences for workers and citizens trade unions are addressing their demands to the Government and Parliament of Ukraine (attached).

**TRADE UNIONS BELIEVE THAT ONLY PRODUCTIVE LABOUR COULD
LEAD UKRAINE TO SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY!**

**WE URGE UKRAINE'S TOP OFFICIALS TO TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE, TO
CONSULT WITH THE PEOPLE, TO BEWARE PEOPLE'S ANGER, AND ONLY
THEN THERE WILL BE TRULY DEMOCRATIC AND PEOPLE'S POWER!**

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