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**Message of the European Regional Office of the WFTU to the 2nd
Congress of the TUI-WFTU Pensioners and Retirees.**

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Dear Comrades delegates of the 2nd Congress of TUI Pensioners and Retirees.

On behalf of the European class oriented labor movement we extend our warm greetings and class solidarity to all of you.

Your congress is taking place in the conditions of the ongoing capitalist crisis.

Today the wealth produced which is in the hands of a privileged few could meet the needs of the inhabitants of this planet. In contrast, however, millions of people are deprived of basic public goods like health, public housing, education.

The dramatic and explosive intensification of contradictions, the ongoing wars and imperialist interventions for the control of resources are all an expression of the capitalist crisis. These interventions have cost the peoples thousands of dead and wounded, as well as the uprooting of millions of people as refugees.

In Europe, the European Union and the governments have formulated an anti-worker framework that in fact is intensifying the exploitation of the working class and serves the interests of the monopolies. They are attacking collective agreements and promoting the deregulation of labour relations,

increase of retirement age, privatization of the social security system, legislating for anti-worker measures and criminalizing the right to organize and trade union action and the right to strike.

These policies are impoverishing the peoples and have paved the way for racism and xenophobia to grow and have led to the rise of the far-right fascist forces. The struggle against fascism, racism and imperialist wars is directly linked to the fight against oppression and exploitation.

Dear comrades.

In the conditions created by the capitalist crisis, the strengthening of the role of the WFTU is of particular importance.

Our answer to the attacks of imperialism and capitalism must be the organized class struggles.

We stand on your side and we assure you that we will follow with great attention your struggles and for the defense of the just demands and rights of the pensioners and retirees.

We get inspired by your enthusiasm and hand in hand under the honored flag of WFTU we will continue the struggle for a new society free from exploitation.

Long live the 2nd Congress of the TUI Pensioners and Retirees.

Long live international solidarity.