



## THE SPEECH OF CTP ON OCCASION OF 2<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE UIS IN BOGOTA (COLOMBIA) ON 27-28 FEBRUARY 2019

Several years after the founder Congress of our UIS P&R in Barcelona in 2014, we are so happy to take the floor of this high tribune to greet all the Comrade fighters at this meeting so as to justify expression of the willing, for retirees, to fight facing the capitalist crisis which raids not only the active workers but also the retirees worldwide. From 2014 to this unforgettable date when the Second Congress of UIS P&R is held, we have no doubt been on our way.

The Union achieved more than a great step in this that we should absolutely not keep silence about the main actors on the basis of this significant advancement in the gathering of P&R's for fighting for, preserving and improving their rights threatened by the imperialists.

Therefore we first salute the courage, sacrifice and determination of Comrade Quim Boix, the Union Secretary General, who did not fail to raise the voice of the P&R's who have long been forgotten and neglected all over the 5 continents.

Not withstanding the difficulties proper to any organization this time of world economic and political crisis, the Union, as the unique movement in the fighting labour world, solidly established throughout their various structures and as such all their members had better commit for the objectives which will be the outcome of the works of this Second Congress.

We extend our congratulations to all the Comrades in the 5 continents who committed to make our Union effective on site.

Since merit belongs to the one who deserves it, we also greet and thank our friends and Comrades of Colombia who accepted to welcome us and to host the second Congress of UIS P&R once again, congratulations.

Finally, we congratulate FSM Secretary General who has proved his determination, though this Second Congress of UIS, since the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of Athens, to cause all the P&R to fight against the capitalist barbarism that generates wars and poverty.

In our capacity as Vice-chairman Africa, our objective is not only bringing together the P&R in Africa through solid co-ordination as it is recommended by the Founder Congress, but also, within our Country DRC, to organize the various P&R collectives into a Branch including the P&R in order to perform the fight against precarious conditions to which they are submitted.

Thanks to the dynamism of the Regional Office of French-speaking Africa (BAF) of FSM, the program drawn up on occasion of FSM 70 years commemoration in SAN PAULO (Brazil) between the Regional Office of French-speaking Africa (BAF) and SG Quim allowed for sensitization of the members to back up UIS and for holding activities of which outcome was to set up UIS Co-ordination for Africa chaired by Late Comrade MOSTAPHA BROUZIYINE who formerly passed away and for whom we solicit a minute's silence.

Since then, we have noticed a slowdown that we wish to quickly turn into deep work for Africa as this time is for solidifying and pursuing fight for a better future for actual P&R and these to come.

Being from DRC, we should also, in co-operation with FSM/DRC National Co-ordination both in KINSHASA, the political Capital, and in Lubumbashi, the Capital of economy, set up a P&R Branch. For this to be efficient, the Trade-Union "Conscience des Travailleurs et Paysans" (Peasants and Workers Consciouness), CTP for short, committed to back up all the fighting activities at Government level as well as at Business level including the yearly celebration of the International Day for Retirees by having conference the 5 coming years about meetings with all the members we foresee to do better in the main theme of this 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress: Let's maintain our conquests, let's intensify our fights for food, water, electricity, health care against capitalist sweating, poverty and imperialist wars.

Long live FSM
Long live UIS P&R
Long live UIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress
Long AND DIGNITY LIFE FOR P&R
Thank you

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