



**DRAFT EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 6)
TRADE UNION RIGHTS IN EGYPT**

**The 30th World Congress of Public Services International (PSI),
meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on 30th October to 3rd November 2017**

NOTES WITH CONCERN that:

PSI affiliated independent trade unions in Egypt are facing a continuous repression from the Egyptian government, with the aim of suppressing them.

Trade unionists have been arrested and jailed for calling for protests on 19th September 2017, to improve their living conditions.

The trade unionists were released on 16th October, after paying a bail, and the trial is still in process.

At the same time, a draft law on trade unions will be discussed in parliament during the month of November, containing articles which in practice will prevent independent unions from existing.

Due to this political atmosphere, Egyptian affiliates were not able to attend the Congress.

Therefore, Congress

RESOLVES to express its solidarity and support for the Egyptian independent unions and their right for freedom of association and urgently asks the Egyptian authorities to respect the ILO conventions, especially convention no. 87, ratified by Egypt; and

CALLS ON the Egyptian authorities to amend the Egyptian trade union draft law accordingly.

Submitted by the Arab Subregion