

**Agenda item 12****Any Other Business****(a) Resolution on Extreme-Rights Attempts to Subvert Trade Unions**

1. The ITUC General Council condemns attempts by right-wing political extremists to infiltrate trade unions and subvert trade union activity, including the attacks on the CGIL offices in Rome on 9 October and on the offices of the CFMEU union in Melbourne on 20 September. The extreme right is attempting to manipulate concerns of some members of the public about legitimate measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect vital health and other public services. This is part of a broader pattern of attacks on people and organisations defending basic human rights and fighting racism, gender discrimination, homophobia, vilification of migrants and refugees and other forms of discrimination.
 2. The Council further condemns all attacks on health workers and others, often incited by the extreme-right, expresses solidarity with all those who face threats, intimidation and violence driven by extremist ideology, and calls on governments to ensure that workers are protected and the perpetrators are brought to justice.
 3. The Council further notes with alarm the complicity of certain social media companies and other media interests which are profiting from the spread of hate speech and misinformation and insists that regulators act with urgency to hold those companies to account and end their complicity in stoking violence and mistrust.
 4. The Council also condemns those in positions of authority, including politicians, who are seeking to gain political advantage through spreading misinformation about the pandemic, publicising personal details of public figures and inciting violence against them. The Council reiterates the importance of vaccination and condemns intimidation of people who vaccinate, or support vaccination.
 5. The General Council urges all affiliates to remain vigilant in the face of these threats, and to keep the ITUC informed of attempts to infiltrate unions and disrupt union activities. The Council pays tribute to all those who are defending the international trade union movement's abiding commitment to fundamental rights and freedoms, often at risk to their own personal safety and reaffirms our commitment to fight extremism, violence and intolerance everywhere.
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