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ILO warns of unemployment in Brazil

In the next two years, Brazil will add another 500 thousand people to the group of unemployed people, and the tendency to decrease the unemployment rate that has been observed over the last years will be inverted. This warning comes from the International Labour Organization (ILO), which publicizes new estimates on unemployment around the world, and revealed that, after hitting rich countries over the last years, it will be the time of emerging countries to be contaminated by the crisis in the next five years.

To this institution, which is based in Geneva, those years that emerging markets were protected from the crisis are over, at least in terms of employment.

The unemployment rate in Brazil was 6,3% in the end of 2012, according to data from ILO. It will increase to 6,6%, the highest rate since 2009 and above the world rate.

Either in absolute numbers as in percentage, data are estimates for 2014 and are lower than 2007. But it would still be a turning point.



Guy Ryder in a recent visit to UGT

The ILO report **Global Employment Trends 2013** shows that 197 million people were unemployed in 2012 worldwide, and 39 million people have dropped out of the labour market as job prospects proved unattainable. ILO estimates that in 2013 another 5,3 million people will increase the number of unemployed people.

A quarter of the increase of 4 million in global unemployment in 2012 has been in the advanced economies, while three quarters has been in other regions, with marked effects in East Asia, South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

"Uncertainty involving inadequate economic and political perspectives that were implemented to deal with it, undermined the aggregate demand, halting investments and hirings", stated Guy Ryder, ILO's Director-general. "This extended the crisis of the labour market in several countries, decreasing the creation of jobs and increasing the time of unemployment in some countries that previously had low unemployment rates and dynamic labour markets".

"Besides, many of the new job positions require qualifications that people who look for jobs do not have", Ryder added. "Governments should intensify the efforts aimed towards supporting activities related to the qualification and capacitation in order to face this type of misfit that affects the youth in a particular way".

UGT fully agrees with the analysis of Ryder. In the words of its president, Ricardo Patah, "education will change our social and economic reality, with direct reflections on the workers quality of life and on the companies efficiency, it will spread all over Brazil and turn into a political mobilization such as the one that enabled, for example, the control of inflation".

A better qualification and education of Brazilians will drive away the ghost of the crisis and unemployment.

International Labour Conference 2013

UGT prepares delegation and discuss workers agenda for the ILO Conference

UGT started, on January 21, the preparatory seminar for UGT's delegation, which will represent this trade union central in the International Labour Organization (ILO) Conference, in June, Geneva, Switzerland. The event continued on the 22nd, at the Hotel Braston, Sao Paulo.

Through an initiative of UGT's International Affairs Department, the event prepared the delegation of UGT with proposals of public social and international policies to defend the working class rights, so that conventions that are favorable to the class are approved - a goal of the central at the Conference.



"We must be creative and we must have the ability to create international policies at a social level. The goal is building up a project in which we will add knowledge and perspective in favor of UGT, to represent our workers better, in a way that they are connected to the problems that affects the entire world. The world crisis, especially the European one, deserves a special attention. And it is extremely important how we are going to build strategies to improve these relations", emphasized **Ricardo Patah, national president of UGT**.

Otton Mata Roma, secretary of UGT's International Affairs department, showed that in any crisis scenario, workers rights are the first to be threatened. "The importance of the presence of the working class in ILO is really huge, especially to prevent the loss of their social rights. Through ILO we were able to create devices to strengthen the working class worldwide", he emphasized.

This seminar continued with an overview of **Stanley Gracek**, ILO assistant director, on the history and evolution of the representation of the working class. And afterwards, with the explanation of Sergio Paixão, coordinator of international issues of the Labour and Employment Ministry, covering the importance of the tripartite representability at the UN organ and its execution path, as well as with a speech of Kjeld Jacobsen, trade union consultant, on the system of rules and accusations of ILO, explained by TUCA. *(Mariana Veltri, UGT)*

121 journalists murdered in 2012

The **International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)** asks UN and governments to take measures to end the murder of journalists. In the bloody 2012, 121 journalists were murdered.

"The 2012 fatal quota converts into an accusing document against the lack of conviction of governments when it comes to offering protection to journalists. It is clear that they did not know how to end this slaughter", stated Jim Boumelha, president of IFJ.

"There is no doubt that this extremely high level of murdered journalists has turned into a constant feature over the last decade, in which the reaction of the United Nations and governments meant little words of condemnation, a superficial investigation and a total disdain".

"We watch a UN plan for journalists security and against impunity so that this situation improves", added **Beth Costa**, Brazilian, IFJ general secretary: "This situation is so desperate that inaction is impossible".

World Economic Forum in Davos

Trade union leaders will participate in the World Economic Forum, which will take place in Switzerland this week, occasion in which they will defend the need of new policies that build economy based on employment and equality.

The annual Davos meeting offers an occasion to the business and financial community to show its cards by establishing its demands to the governments all through the current year - demands that defend the emphasis of "keeping, as always", on ignoring growing restlessness on inequality and unemployment.

"International financial institutions and governments are still following the usual policies while the number of unemployed people increases. What politicians lack, the tough reality shows in excess: are their policies failing?" asked Sharan Burrow, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), an institution which UGT is affiliated with.



The ILO report on employment shows, same way that the World Bank prospect for the global economy, publicized on January 15, a difficult situation: prospects of a 3% world economic growth, higher than the 2,4% estimates for 2013.

"Growth that has been produced should be converted into jobs to the population. That implies in reducing inequality and providing decent wages and safe jobs. ITUC's World research in 2012 showed that, to 58% of the population, their income had increased less than their cost of living", Burrow added.

"It is not about making bankers feel well behind their operation screen, but it is about building trust of millions of families of workers so that they spend their money in local shops", he commented.

"The weigh of the economic crisis is falling on the youth, which threatens the social tissue of our social community. This year is necessary to create jobs for the youth, including a G20 "Youth Jobs Pact" and opportunities of education and learning, otherwise, it will be another lost year for the next generation", Sharan Burrow completed.

UGT in the World Social Forum 2013

The World Social Forum 2013, which will take place from January 26 to 31, in Porto Alegre, RS, will, once again, rely on the active participation of UGT.

This event, which gathers militants from Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), social movements, trade union and political protagonists in the fight for a fairer society, it tries to promote, through a decentralized way, several activities in the view of strengthening democracy, sustainable cities and development.

In this period, the world's attention will be headed towards this event, which will be attended by Guy Ryder, director-general of the International Labour Organization (ILO), by senators Paulo Paim and Pedro Simon, besides several ministers who will attend 18 important seminars.

Protagonist in the fight of the Brazilian working class, UGT will be active in the execution of activities of the workshop "Labour World: Cities and Sustainable Development with Decent Work", especially through its participation in the panel "Trade Union Legislators", from its vice-president and federal deputy Roberto Santiago.

In this issue, the WSF will make an overview on debates that took place in Rio+20, the WSF 2012, on democracy and on the ongoing governance models around the world. *(Fábio Ramalho – UGT newsroom)*

UGT participates in walk for the end of impunity

A walk for the end of impunity gathered hundreds of protestors on January 20, in Santana, a neighborhood in Sao Paulo. This act was organized by friends and relatives of the graphic designer Guilherme Alves Nascimento, who was murdered on the 14th. This protest was supported by UGT, where Guilherme worked.

Protestors, holding banners, folders and whistles, walked from the Santana subway station until the scene where the body of Guilherme was found, in an alley near the street Duarte de Azevedo. From there, they walked to his house.

Canindé Pegado, UGT's secretary general, emphasized that this walk was also a way to pay homage to the colleague Guilherme, although it is not the end of UGT's actions against violence and impunity.

"UGT will follow investigations to clear up this crime and we will also promote a group of political strategies to turn the fight against violence into a priority of the national agenda".



Community Health Agents create a National Federation



The colleague **José Roberto Prebill**, from Sao Paulo, was elected president of the National Federation of Health Community Agents.

Besides representatives from Parana and Sao Paulo, there are also trade union leaders from Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Alagoas and Piaui.

The colleague Luiz Carlos Alves de Lara (in the picture), president of SINDACS-PR (affiliated with UGT), was elected vice-president of this recently created federation.

The assembly that created this federation took place in Porto Alegre, on January 18, gathering trade union from several states.

ILO and CPLC release documentary on child labour

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLC) are releasing a documentary on child labour in Portuguese-speaking African countries.

This documentary is part of the continuance of the "Tripartite Regional Conference on Child Labour: preparation for the 2013 Global Conference", held from December 03 to 07 in Sao Tome and Principe. ILO and CPLC agreed to jointly produce a documentary that intends to spread the most problematic issues of child labour in Portuguese-speaking African countries and it also covers the efforts that have been made by ILO, CPLC, governments and social partners to eradicate this problem.

This documentary, which length is near 30 minutes, will be available in the end of January 2013 to be broadcasted in all Portuguese-speaking African countries with the support of national television stations in a way to potentialize the awareness of the audience to such a contemporary issue. (*ILO news*).



"The União Geral dos Trabalhadores reaffirms its historic commitments to the working class, while seeking to expand its methods of action, with ethics, courage and the certainty that Brazil can be better and more just. " Ricard Patah – UGT's President]

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