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## PROTEST

### **Visa denial to the WFTU General Secretary by the USA government**

As the World Federation of Teachers Union, FISE, we denounce the government of the USA which has denied granting to the WFTU General Secretary George Mavrikos an entry visa to the US.

The WFTU General Secretary has scheduled a visit to the USA for March 2018 to attend an event of the United Nations in New York, where he is a permanent representative of the WFTU, and to participate as main speaker in the annual trade union meeting of Trade Union Organizations members and friends of WFTU that will take place the same month in Los Angeles, USA.

The visa denial to the General Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions is a completely antidemocratic position of the US Department of State and aims at preventing the free trade union action and the strengthening of the militant trade union movement of the workers in the USA.

Since 1945 WFTU has the right to fulfil its role within the United Nations and to express its anti-imperialist, anti-monopolist line, even though the governments of the USA do not like it.

The antidemocratic prohibitions can't stop the internationalist action of the WFTU in favour of the peoples who struggle. The WFTU is a massive, class oriented, international Trade Union Organization with 92 million members in 126 countries all over the world. Since its foundation, in October 1945 until today, its history is public and well known.

**The prohibition of the entry of the General Secretary of the WFTU in the US shows the great concern of the imperialists about the strengthening during the recent years of the World Federation of Trade Unions, which, with its steady anti-imperialist and internationalist action, reveals the dirty role of the imperialists, NATO and IMF.**

**The US government wants submissive unions that serve the policy of imperialists and monopolies. To this end, it supports and assists the setup trade unions and undermines the WFTU and the class trade union movement. Our duty and of all militants in all continents is to continuously strengthen the WFTU and the TUI's of the WFTU and to develop the class struggles for the workers' rights.**

**We demand a legal visa to be granted to the General Secretary of the WFTU and all these discriminations against WFTU cadres to stop.**

We call on all the unions to sign the protest and send it to the following e-mails: [fise@wftucentral.org](mailto:fise@wftucentral.org) [fisepress@gmail.com](mailto:fisepress@gmail.com) [international@wftucentral.org](mailto:international@wftucentral.org)

**Internationalism and solidarity are the invincible weapons of the workers and peoples.**

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