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EMERGENCY RESOLUTION:

This Conference Notes:

After the terrorist attacks in Paris, Beirut, Ankara, Sinai, Tunis and many other places our societies are facing big challenges and this includes workers' education. The question of liberty and security is shifting and there is a danger that security will undermine democratic rights, freedom of association and human rights in general.

- Agreeing that there is no alternative to an open and democratic society which shall be social and inclusive.
- Recalling that Security for all is based on social protection and protection of social, cultural, economic and human rights.
- Considering that the new agenda shall be built on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Social Protection Floor which include fighting inequalities and poverty.
- Rejecting blind austerity policies and neoliberal free trade agreements that undermine efforts for investment in social policies and infrastructure.
- And in order to respond to the terrorist challenges to democracy worldwide

IFWEA believes that a paradigm shift is needed:

- There is a need to invest even more in education today, instead of paying the even higher cost of social distortion and the failure of democracy tomorrow.
- Education shall prioritise non-violent conflict resolution, understood to be a sign of strength rather than weakness of our democracies.
- Workers' education should be rooted in the values of solidarity, democracy and social justice.
- To work effectively against extremism, rejection and exclusion requires education - education that empowers workers and promotes cultural diversity based on fundamental social, economic, cultural and human rights.