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To All concerned

SUB: <u>AIRF Action Day – 1st November, 2021- During the UN Climate Change Conference, Glasgow (UK).</u>

As per the instruction from General Secretary, AIRF, New Delhi, Western Railway Employees Union has decided to observe AIRF Action Day on 1st November, 2021-during the UN Climate Change Conference, Glasgow (UK).

All are requested to organize meetings, rallies on 1st November, 2021 all over Western Railway during UN Climate Change conference and highlight the issues of the Indian Railway workers. Report of the activities organized by the division/units should be reported to HQ office for sending the same to AIRF/ITF from our side. This should be organized during lunch time or any appropriate time convenient to each branch.

A copy of letter from Asst. Regional Secretary, ITF Asia Pacific region, New Delhi is enclosed herewith for your information and more details on the subject.

Encl: as above.

General Secretary

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The General Secretaries, All Affiliated Unions,

Dear Comrades.

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Enclosed please find herewith a copy of the letter received from **Bro. Sangam Tripathy**. Asstt. Regional Secretary, ITF Asia Pacific Region, Delhi, regarding **AIRF Action Day** during forthcoming **COP 26 Event** in **Glasgow**(UK). Governments from all over the world, including ministers from the government of India, are going to participate.

The ITF is going to be present in a big way and is organising events related to Transport Workers issues and challenges.

AIRF, being one of the oldest affiliates of the ITF, it is our duty to organise meetings, rallies on 1st November, 2021 all over the Indian Railways during UN Climate Change Conference and highlight the issues of the Indian Railways Workers. Samples of the posters are also enclosed with this communication, which you can use on placards or make flex banners.

You are requested to take as many pictures/videos of your action activities and send these in these are



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- Fédération internationale des ouvriers du transport
- Internationella Transportarbetarefederationen
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- International Transport Workers' Federation

Hello Friends in AIRF Unions,

In a few weeks, worldwide governments, including government of India will meet in Glasgow, UK for the UN climate change negotiations COP26. These negotiations come at a critical time. In many of our cities and countries, we are experiencing climate change at the same time as dealing with the devastating impacts of the pandemic on workers in our sector. This is a pivotal moment for governments to inject immediate and sustained public funding into maintaining and improving public transport jobs and services as part of the recovery from Covid-19 whilst accelerating climate action.

- November 1-5 Global Week of Action from Public Transport Workers

This will be a global ITF event, to bring attention to the need to fund public transport and promote good working conditions for urban transport workers as a way to fight against climate change. The slogan will be "Our Jobs, Our Planet, Our Public Transport". You will get a model of placards for banners.

What could your unions do? We suggest the following after consulting AIRF General Secretary:

1- Designate **1st November** (Monday) as AIRF Action Day to deliver the common demands. This could be done by organizing a rally or demonstration or meeting at your respective workplaces and demonstrate in front of their employers/administration office.

We will need videos and photos from these actions by November 6 so that we can put it all together. The ITF will highlight your pictures and videos during the Glasgow event.

- During the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)
- Tuesday, November 9 ITF is hosting an event at the People's Summit (the informal, social movement style side meeting) for transport workers. It would be good if you want to observe the event. Here is the link https://cop26coalition.org/peoples-summit/the-revolution-we-need-to-decarbonise-transport-transport-workers-in-conversation-2/
- **Wednesday, November 10 The Future is Public Transport event.** This event will be coorganized with C40, so it will be more 'collaborative'. We will share with you the statement from ITF-C40 share for your information. Here is the link to register for that event

https://cop26coalition.org/peoples-summit/the-future-is-public-transport-acting-locally-actin If you need any clarifications, please do ask us or the AIRF.

best regards,

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