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To all PSI affiliates, all EB and WOC members
To all PSI staff for information

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Information on ITEM V Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work (standard setting, double discussion)

Dear Colleagues,

We are moving forwards in our preparation for the <u>International Labour Conference (ILC)</u>, especially on **ITEM V** – **Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work (standard setting, double discussion)**. We remind you that PSI, jointly with the International Trade Union Movement and the Workers Group, has been active for several years in the promotion of a Convention supplemented by a Recommendation, as two separate instruments.

The ILO Report (2) V "Ending violence and harassment in the world of work" informs that 48 governments out of the 85 that replied to the May-September 2017 consultation, with 164 workers and 4 employers organisations, said YES to a Convention supplemented by a Recommendation. This means that until now, the majority of governments and workers' organizations which replied supports our position, while the majority of employers' organizations is only in favour of a Recommendation.

We need to keep this positive tendency growing until the end of the ILC with a first victory in favour of workers. Therefore, we want to ask you to meet your Government and take note of their current position, encouraging them to maintain it or to move towards a more progressive one.

Please contact Verónica Montúfar (<u>veronica.montufar@world-psi.org</u>) if you have any information, questions or suggestions concerning this important item.

For more information: <u>PSI's webpage</u>, <u>Tentative plan of work for ILC's 107th session</u> and the <u>preliminary list of</u> delegations.

We look forward to celebrating a new victory by the end of 107th ILC.

In solidarity,

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