

## **MASS TRADE UNION WARNING PROTEST HELD IN KYIV**

On the World Day for Decent Work 7 October, a mass warning action of Ukrainian trade unions took place in Kyiv under the slogan “LET US PROTECT OUR LABOR RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS TO ASSOCIATE IN TRADE UNIONS. LET US GET A BETTER LIFE!” The event was attended by thousands of representatives of all-Ukrainian trade unions and territorial trade unions affiliated to the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine, representatives of Ukrprofozdorovnytsia PrJSC, Ukrproftur PrJSC, and the FPU staff. People went on the protest to show the government their determination to protect legitimate rights and interests of trade union members, and all working people.

Here are the main demands of the participants:

1. DO NOT ADOPT the government’s anti-labour and anti-union draft laws Nos 5371, 5388 and 2681.

STOP the far-fetched deregulation of labour relations – the Government and parliamentary majority must self-remove from legislative guarantees of workers’ labour rights and constitutional trade unions’ advocacy function!

ADOPT a new Labour Code that will protect the working people.

Government – hands off the public organisations and trade unions!

2. Guarantee the workers constitutional right of citizens to full and productive employment, decent wage, safety and health.

3. AFFORDABLE prices for Ukrainian gas, electricity tariffs and utilities for the population.

Free energy market must not destroy domestic industry, jobs and social sphere.

4. In order to reduce poverty and social inequality, approve the State Budget of Ukraine for 2022 with unconditional observance of amounts of cash benefits and social protection of citizens under the laws of Ukraine, in particular:

- minimum wage – 6,900 UAH;

- minimum pension – 3,600 UAH;
- salary of the first tariff rate in the budget sphere – 6,500 UAH.

5. By the end of this year to pay off the wage debts to 140,000 workers in the amount of almost 4 billion UAH.

Adopt at the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine the draft laws that will guarantee payments to workers in the event of bankruptcy.

The wage is the ownership of the worker!

6. Ensure full and timely payment of hospital, maternity, social services and pensions! Stop nationalisation of self-governing funds of compulsory social insurance, and eliminate deficit of their budgets and of the Pension Fund.

7. Ensure constitutional right to quality affordable education, health services, right of young people to first job and young families to housing. The participants held a rally near the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. A trade union delegation met with Denys Shmygal, Prime Minister of Ukraine, and conveyed to him the demands of the participants.

See more information on our website.

<https://fpsu.org.ua/256-holovna-novyna/21223-vsi-na-protest.html>