

The Seabeck Declaration

OBJECTIVES:

The workers here have met at the invitation of LELO and have analyzed the world situation in the search to find common roads with a sense of resolving our common problems. In our deliberations we have decided to call for an international meeting of workers having as its agenda the objective to fight and to debate globalization and its consequences for workers.

We are united here around the problem of the global economy and the stories from our experiences that we have shared in common. We take into consideration the fact that these stories should be shared all over the world and therefore we agree to have a world conference.

ENVIRONMENT

The environment is a workers' issue. We should debate ways of protecting jobs, development and the environment - and these three objectives are not incompatible.

RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

All workers should have the basic right to organize and to have that organization recognized by their employers. The workers should have the right to set their own working standards and that these should be common working standards across all borders and for all countries.

IMMIGRATION

All workers should have the right of freedom of movement across borders and have the right to work in the country of their choice, free from discrimination, exploitation and marginalization.

WOMEN WORKERS

In the transformation of the global economy and privatization, it is women and children who suffer most from the loss of the public sector and some governmental protections for the least advantaged.

Women and men should recognize that the education about gender roles begins at home. Women and men must begin the process of training their children in such a way that both girls and boys are raised to be equal participants in all work.