Introduction to the Statutes of Revolutionary Unionism (IWA)

International Workers Association

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The history of humankind is formed by the struggle between the exploiters and the exploited, which is currently manifested in the attacks of Capitalism and the State on the working class in all areas of life.

Capitalists, managers and politicians are organizing themselves to advance their interests as much as possible. If we want to stand up against them, advance our own interests and build the society which we desire, we have to overcome the weakness and disorganization of the workers’ movement.

In order to achieve this, it is necessary to organize ourselves in a fighting structure which unites all revolutionary workers from all over the world. The actions of such an organization have to show that it is capable of overcoming Capitalism and the State.

A movement for emancipation built in this way cannot accept the line of action urged by those currents of the workers’ movement that aspire to a harmony between capital and labour, desiring an international peace with Capitalism and incorporation into the State. Neither can it accept those currents that propagate the existence of the state or the dictatorship of the proletariat, which is contrary to our goal of a society based upon the greatest possible liberty and well-being for all.

Against the offensive of Capital and politicians of all hues, all the revolutionary workers of the world must build a real International Workers’ Association, in which, each member will know that the emancipation of the working class will only be possible when the workers themselves, in their capacities as producers, manage to prepare themselves in their political-economic organizations to take possession of the land and the factories and enable themselves to administer them jointly, in such a way that they will be able to continue production and social life.

Considering this perspective and goal, the duty of the workers is to participate in all actions that lead towards a revolutionary transformation of society, always striving to move towards our final goals. We must make our strength felt through this participation, always striving to give our movement, through organization, action and propaganda, the necessary means to supplant our adversaries. Similarly, wherever possible, we must realize our social system through models and examples, and our organizations must exert, to the limits of their possibilities, the greatest possible influence on other tendencies in order that they can be incorporated into our struggle,
which is the common struggle against all statist and capitalist adversaries, always keeping in mind the circumstances of place and time, but remaining faithful to the goals of the movement for workers’ emancipation.