



Resolution 6

Call for action in solidarity with the Ukrainian population, to facilitate the rebuilding of critical electrical infrastructure in the country

The Swedish Electricians' Union and the Nordic Electricians' Federation – NEF, supported by the Swedish Federation of Building and Wood Workers (SFBWW), call upon the Congress to accept this emergency resolution focusing on the needs for a greater cooperation between electricians within the EFBWW, with a primary target to join together in addressing the immediate needs of and give courage and hope to the population of Ukraine.

This resolution will be focusing on forming a joint working group with EFBWW and BWI, which will be explained further down in the text!

It has been 21 months since the Russian invasion and full out war from Russia against Ukraine started. The situation is getting worse every day that passes and the need to educate civilians in trades critical for the country's electrical infrastructure, power grid and other important parts of the country is on high demand.

There is a need for this emergency resolution to show Ukrainian population that the European trade union movement with EFBWW together with BWI is taking a leading role in their joint plan of rebuilding Ukraine with a focus on social dialogue!

This emergency resolution also plays a key strategic role in building a clear space for the electrician trade for long-term collaboration, with a first issue to tackle being the support of the efforts of EFBWW and BWI in ensuring a skilled electrician workforce being established to enable the rebuilding of Ukraine.

Next to this primary target, it is believed that the working group could expand its work to other focus areas such as the great need for hundreds of thousands additional skilled electricians in the European union to be able to reach the goals of the Green Deal and to save this planet. A challenge that will need to be the focus for EFBWW and BWI in the coming years.

This initiative, which aims at a specific trade could be used as a pilot to identify other important trades and professions to meet up the demands and needs of emerging issues which warrant targeted cooperation within affiliates representing specific trades.

Calling for a joint focus from the EFBWW and the BWI on the electrician trade is a key element to make sure the green transition will happen under Decent Work conditions and with the right to join a union, both in Ukraine and in the rest of Europe, and this will be of huge strategic value for the future work of the EFBWW and BWI.

This is why the Swedish Electricians' Union and NEF, supported by the SFBWW submits an emergency resolution for the EFBWW and BWI to work together in the following way:

- Form a joint ad-hoc working group, between EFBWW and BWI, with a focus on electricians as a specific branch within the construction sector, to make sure that electricians are organized in EFBWW and BWI and to make sure that these two organizations are the natural choice to be a part of as an electrician union.
- The ad-hoc working group shall operate as an expert group and provide EFBWW and BWI with inputs on what activities should be carried out within the scope of the resolution.