

THE VII NATIONAL CONGRESS OF DELEGATES OF NSZZ "SOLIDARNOŚĆ", GDAŃSK, 8 - 10 JUNE 1995

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No 1 VII National Congress of Delegates

on the acceptance of the report on activities of the National Commission

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" accepts the report on activities of the National Commission.

Resolution No 2 VII National Congress of Delegates

on Pro-family policy

A family has the right to live in such a socio-economic system which recognises and supports its dignity, autonomy and stability.

A family has the right to expect that public authorities will pursue a policy on legal, economic, welfare and financial issues.

The National Congress of Delegates, recognizing a pro-family policy as a priority and essential to the implementation of reforms in Poland, has resolved to include the Charter of Family Rights, introduced by the Vatican, in the Program Resolution of the Union.

At the same time, the National Congress of Delegates obliges the NSZZ "Solidarność" members of Parliament to submit a legislative initiative, based on the above mentioned Charter of Family Rights.

Resolution No 3
VII National Congress of Delegate

on the Withdrawal of a Bill on "Commercialisation of State Enterprises" from the Sejm's Debate

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" demands that the Government to immediately withdraw the bill on the "Commercialisation and Privatisation of State Enterprises" from the Sejm's debate.

Although the Social-Economic Tripartite Commission had rejected the bill and simultaneously sent bill on "Privatisation of State Enterprises", as negotiated in the "Pact on the State Enterprise", to the Sejm, the Government sent its bill to the Sejm for fast track passage.

We view the Government's rejection of the "Pact" and its attempt to force its own bill on Commercialisation through Parliament as successive examples of its disrespect of the postulates and agreements concluded with NSZZ "Solidarność".

The National Congress of Delegates is of the opinion that through the implementation of the bill on "Commercialisation and Privatisation of State Enterprises", the Government - in spite of the hypocritical statement of the Prime Minister that he supports this idea - wants to block the implementation of NSZZ "Solidarność" postulate on universal ownership rights of state assets.

Resolution No 4
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Regional Economic Policy

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" demands that the Government of Republic of Poland develop a regional economic policy which, through various economic instruments, like tax breaks, investment allowances, wage funds, etc., would assist economically weaker provinces, thus boosting their chances for development.

Resolution No 5
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the Nomination of Sergiej Adamowicz Kowaliow for the Nobel Peace Prize

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" has the honor of proposing to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee Mr Sergiej Adamowicz Kowaliow as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize Award.

Resolution No 6
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Amendments to the Union Constitution

The National Congress of Delegates obliges the Statutory Commission of the Congress to develop a draft Union Constitution, after having first consulted with regional and branch structures of the Union, and then present this draft at the next National Conference of Delegates.

Resolution No 7
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Organising New Members

The Delegates of the VII National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" acknowledge the importance of conducting activities to organise new members during the forthcoming term. Therefore, they take the obligation upon themselves to get involved in the implementation of these activities in the Union's structures they represent.

Resolution No 8
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Changes in the Union's Structures

NSZZ "Solidarność" was established in 1980 as a movement to defend human and workers' rights. At that time it was the very source of strength and unified of actions against the centralised system and made it possible to fight for real autonomy, sovereignty, and independence. Since 1989, "Solidarność" has been gradually adapting its activities to the changing environment, thus transforming itself from a general resistance movement into a strong trade Union, functioning within the framework of the trade union and political pluralism it won.

Recognising the continual grave threat, posed by economic and political centralisation, the VII National Congress of Delegates understands the necessity of adapting the structure and internal organisation of NSZZ "Solidarność" to the transformations in the structure of ownership, the growing role of local self-governments and private entrepreneurship.

Therefore the VII National Congress of Delegates moves to:

- create urgently expert and training funds;
- strengthen the role and the autonomy of branch structures in accordance with the will of the locals which make up these structures; this can be brought about by increasing the importance of branch secretariats and sections that independently set up their

internal structure in compliance with the Constitution of NSZZ Solidarność, as well as by setting financial regulations for regional branch structures, analogous to those accepted at the national level;

- reform completely statutory benefits;
- prepare organisational changes of regional structures in accordance with the administrative division of the country and the Union's membership level;
- divide competencies among all structures;
- develop a target model of the Union together with its financing regulations.

The VII National Congress of Delegates moves that the above-mentioned documents be prepared by the National Commission by November 1995 and then be submitted for general Union discussion, including the possible conducting of an internal Union referendum on this subject before the next National Conference of Delegates.

Resolution No 9
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Program of Maritime Economy Development

The VII National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" obliges the National Commission in co-operation with:

- the National Section of Shipbuilding Industry
- the National Maritime Section
- the National Section of Seaport Workers

to negotiate a program of maritime economic development with provisions to guarantee wide ranging safety to employees.

Resolution No 10
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the State Budget

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" obliges the National Commission to undertake activity to guarantee that the Government of the Republic of Poland allocate:

- 5% of GNP to the education sector,
- 3% of GNP to university education,
- 2% of GNP to science,
- 6% of GNP to the national health service system,
- 1% of GNP to culture,

in the state budget within a strictly determined and negotiated period of time.

At the same time the National Congress of Delegates proposes amendments of the 1995 Budget Act. This will allow the prevention of drastic the worsening of educational opportunities for children, youth and students.

It is the present post-Communist coalition which bears the blame for the lack of investment in and growing debts of the education sector, and not society, upon which this coalition has tried to shift the consequences of its inefficient socio-economic policy.

Resolution No 11
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the Manifestation on May 26, 1995

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" demands that the State Authorities reveal the truth about the provocation which took place on May 26, 1995 during the manifestation held by "Solidarność" members in front of the Office of the Council of Ministers in Warsaw.

Resolution No 12
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Presidential Elections

A re-Communistation offensive is underway in Poland. This is the main reason why Poland is mired in a moral, economic and socio-political crisis. It must not be allowed that Communists or a Communist ally's candidate be elected President of the Republic of Poland.

The presidential elections must be won, Poland must be based on the Citizens' Draft Constitution, screening, de-Communistation and implementation of a socio-economic program, accepted by the majority of the people of Poland, should be brought about effectively.

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" is of the opinion that a lack of unity before presidential elections in the independence camp, which represents an important part of the electorate, will result in dramatic consequences for the future of Poland.

We expect, that this appeal will result in joint action by NSZZ "Solidarność" and independent groups which, backed by the authority of the Church, will nominate one candidate who will consolidate their efforts. This candidate could gain the acceptance of NSZZ "Solidarność" members and also of a large portion of society.

The National Congress of Delegates has resolved that after the nomination of one such candidate, an extraordinary Congress will be convened, which in accordance with the opinion of Union members, will make a decision whether to support such a candidate.

The decision on when to convene this Congress will be taken by the National Commission.

Resolution No 13
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the Realisation of the Union's Demands

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" states that the the Polish government has not made any positive decisions on the main postulates of the Union.

At the same time, legal acts, passed by the Parliament and the Government within the so-called "Strategy for Poland" economic plan, ignore or are contrary to the demands of the Union.

In this situation, the National Congress of Delegates obliges the National Commission and all structures of the Union to use all constitutional and legal means to win our demands.

The time and types of Union actions will be determined by the National Commission after it has consulted with NSZZ "Solidarność" structures and after it has evaluated the realistic possibilities of their being implemented.

Resolution No 14
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the Promotion of a Draft Bill on Universal Health Insurance

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" supports the promotion of the draft bill on universal health insurance, prepared by the Social Commission of Health of NSZZ "Solidarność", and obliges all Union bodies to provide organisational and technical assistance to public action in support of this bill.

Resolution No 15
VII National Congress of Delegates

on Benefits in Case of Sickness and Maternity

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" strongly opposes the currently existing solutions concerning the benefits granted in case of sickness and maternity and obliges the National Commission to make further efforts to change these regulations.

Resolution No 16
VII National Congress of Delegates

on a Negotiated System of Determining the Increase of Average Wages

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" strongly opposes the Act on a Negotiated System of Determining the Increase of Average Wages, passed on December 16, 1994 and also its executive regulations.

The National Congress of Delegates obliges the National Commission to undertake actions to repeal this law.

Resolution No 17
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the Special Committee on the Files of the Former STASI

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" authorises the National Commission to evaluate the activity and determine whether the Special Committee should continue its activities

Resolution No 18
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the Civic Draft of the Constitution

The Constitutional Commission of the National Assembly is preparing a Constitutional draft that definitely differs from the proposals included in the Civic Constitution's Draft. The draft of an undefined value system, not facing various important social problems; the draft, which does not include essential reforms to overcome the barriers in nation's development.

The National Congress of Delegates obliges the National Commission and all Union structures to give information signatories of Civic Constitution's draft and public opinion about this fact and differences between those two drafts.

The National Congress of Delegates obliges the National Commission to renew actions concerning referendum on both constitution's drafts.

Resolution No 19
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the nomination for Honorary Membership of NSZZ "Solidarność", made by the
Executive Board of the Gdańsk Region

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" has resolved - after explanations - to allow the nomination of Rev. Hilary Jastak, made by the Executive Board of the Gdańsk Region, to be presented at the Congress.

Resolution No 20
VII National Congress of Delegates

on the conferment of Honorary Membership of NSZZ "Solidarność"

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność", in accordance with the Union's Constitution and Regulations approved by the National Congress of Delegates in Mielec, hereby grants Honorary Membership of NSZZ "Solidarność" to the following individuals:

- Fr. Stefan Miecznikowski, Society of Jesus from Łódź,
- Fr. Stefan Dzierżek, Society of Jesus from Kalisz,
- Jean-Marie Lepage, CSC/ACV member, Belgium
- Krzysztof Seniuta, political emigre of "Solidarność",
- Fr. Józef Sanak from Bielsko-Biała,

- Fr. Witold Andrzejewski from Gorzów,
- Fr. Jan Hryniewicz from Świdnik,
- Fr. Mieczysław Józefczyk from Elbląg,
- Fr. Ingacy Tokarczuk, former Archbishop of Przemyśl Diocese,
- Fr. Edward Frankowski from the Sandomierz Diocese,
- Jan Kułakowski, former General Secretary of the World Confederation of Labour,
- John Vanderveken, former General Secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions,
- Stefan Nędzyński, former Deputy General Secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions,
- Fr. Adam Sudoł from Sanok,
- Fr. Jakub Nowak, Capuchin from Krosno,
- Fr. Hilary Jastak, Honorary Chaplain to "Solidarność" at the Gdynia Shipyard.

POSITIONS

Position No. 1 on assistance to Chechnya

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" calls on the state authorities of the Republic of Poland to send a note expressing its expectations of the immediate end of the war in Chechnya and the commencement of peace negotiations, to the state authorities of Russia.

Position No. 2 on the war in Chechnya

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" calls on all trade unions of the world to effectively influence their governments and parliaments to demand the immediate cessation of the war in Chechnya, the recognition of the Chechen people to self-determination, the condemnation and the punishment of all those guilty of genocide.

Position No. 3 on the atrocities committed by the regime of the People's Republic of Poland

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" call son the Minister of Justice, and the Attorney General of the Republic of Poland to qualify, in accordance with the law in force (article 2 clauses a and b on the Commission to Investigate Atrocities Committed Against the Polish People), the crimes committed by the regime of the People's Republic of Poland against the People, including those of December 1970 and the Poznań June of 1956, as atrocities committed against humanity.

Position No. 4 on the atrocities committed by the regime of the USSR against the Polish people

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" calls on the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Poland to continue the investigation of the matter of the atrocities committed against the Polish nation by the Stalinist regime of the union of Soviet Socialist republics from September 17, 1939 until October, 1956, which are a continual act, qualified as an atrocity against humanity.

Position No. 5
on the dismissal of the Chairman of the Supreme Auditing Chamber

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" expresses its decided opposition to the dismissal of the Chairman of the Supreme Auditing Chamber on the pretext that the law governing that agency had changed. This fact violates the principle of the political neutrality of that institution and its credibility. This is a successive manifestation of subjecting state institutions to the political goals of the SLD (the Democratic Left Coalition) and the PSL (the Polish Peasants' Party).

Position No. 6
on public television

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" staunchly protests against the attempts to dismiss the current Board of the Polish Television Company. This activity, inspired by the SLD-PSL coalition, intends to take control of the most important means of social communication. Public television is the property of the society and not a propaganda tool to be used by various political parties. The national Congress of Delegates demands that the President, the Parliament and the National Board for Radio and Television of the Republic of Poland unequivocally condemn all attempts to influence public television.

Position No. 7
on the decentralisation of power

The national Congress of delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" protests the centralization of power and the clear delay in transferring power to locally elected bodies. We are in favor of legally bound solutions concerning the regional policy of the state, which create the possibility of establishing regional financial, managerial and auditing institutions.

Position No. 8
on the promotion of universal ownership on public radio and television

The National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ "Solidarność" demands the conducting of cyclical public debates with the participation of experts of "Solidarność" on television and radio on the universal ownership of national assets by Polish society. This would be to provide as many citizens as possible with comprehensive information on this issue.