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## **RESOLUTION**

Reaffirming PSI's Strong Commitment to Protect the Human Rights of Migrants, Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons, Unequivocally Saying No to Fascism, Racism and Xenophobia, and Defending the Human Right to Quality Public Services for All

- Whereas, the current political scenario presents a deeply worrying trend of the rise into power in a number of developed and developing countries of far-right, nationalist and populist political parties and authoritarian governments, whose campaigns are based on racist and xenophobic propaganda;
- Whereas, these actors are spreading a narrative of lies and deception, using migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and forcibly displaced persons as scapegoats for various economic and social ills, identifying them as threats to national security and identity, and a burden on public resources;
- Whereas, such misleading narrative diverts attention from the real drivers of displacement, such
  as the neo-liberal policies and corporate greed that destroy workers' jobs, erode public services,
  destroy the environment and fuel tensions and conflicts;
- Whereas, workers, progressive leaders, trade unions, civil society organisations and communities, including migrant communities themselves, have resisted and continue to strongly resist this negative narrative, and this resistance must be strongly supported and reinforced;
- Whereas, Public Services International's Programme of Action (2018-2022), in putting *People Over Profit*, strongly commits to the human rights-based approach to the treatment of migrants, refugees and forcibly displaced persons and defending their right to decent work, social protection and access to quality public services;

Be it resolved, therefore, that the Executive Board of Public Services International (PSI), meeting in Geneva on 14-15 November 2018, expresses its strong condemnation of the racist, xenophobic and anti-migrant and anti-poor propaganda of the far-right;

PSI strongly commits to protect the human rights of migrants, refugees and forcibly displaced persons; unequivocally says no to fascism, racism and xenophobia; and defends the human right to Quality Public Services for all;

PSI remains committed to continue putting priority on its work on migration, refugees and forcibly displaced persons. It will coordinate this programme across sectors and regions of PSI, allocate the necessary resources and work in alliances with the wider trade union movement and civil society in national, regional and global advocacy, including in its engagement in the UN Global Compact on Refugees and the UN Global Compact on Migration.