

To delegates and participants of 3rd International Automotive Workers Conference

Excerpt of Concept for the preparation and implementation of the corporate forums

Corporate forums are of central importance for coordinating struggles, as demonstrated by the UAW strike in the US in 2023. The intensification of international competition, even to the point of open battles for destruction, requires that the workforce overcome the influence of petty-bourgeois nationalist and petty-bourgeois social-chauvinist thinking.

We take care not to discuss economic issues one-sidedly, but also to discuss the broader struggle against exploitation, fascism, the threat of world war, and environmental destruction, and to ensure that workers take the lead in this struggle.

The **goals of the corporate forums** are to organize a **lively exchange of experiences, to evaluate their work thoroughly and critically, to elect international spokespersons who are actually working, and to decide on their working methods**. This includes information letters, correspondence for the website, mutual visits, quick responses with declarations of solidarity, and even strikes for common demands. A solidarity pact could be adopted for this purpose.

It is essential that the **forums** are prepared and led **internationally**.

The corporate forums will take place **on Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Since Sunday is the only day off work during the week, we assume that some automotive workers, their families, and other interested parties from Pune will also attend on this day. At the beginning, the forum leaders should deliberately address new colleagues, inform them about the course of the conference so far, and explain the nature and significance of the forums.

We propose the following forums so far: (in brackets: request to delegations from the countries and underlined which country has primary responsibility)

- 1) VW (Germany, South Africa, India?)
- 2) General Motors/Hyundai (Brazil, USA, Mexico)
- 3) Stellantis (Germany, France)
- 4) Mercedes-Benz (Germany, South Africa)
- 5) Ford (Venezuela, Germany)
- 6) Suppliers (India, Germany, South Africa)
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