

**Hands off wages, pensions, freedom and rights.
YES TO THE FUTURE
NO GOING BACKWARDS**

CGIL, the Italian General Confederation of Labour, has called a large national demonstration in Rome for 4 April, to make known its proposals for tackling the crisis, voice its opposition to the separate agreement on the rules for contractual bargaining, and proclaim that **Unequal rights = Fewer rights for everyone.**

Because we want:

regularisation of immigrant workers, to combat illegal labour and to treat immigration as a resource for development;

reform of citizenship, to emphasise the need for a true extension of citizenship, beginning with those born in Italy, for an interethnic society;

the right to vote in local body elections, to overcome discrimination, for a more democratic society;

suspension of the effects of the Bossi-Fini law when someone loses their job because of a company crisis: immigrant workers (more than 2,300,000) live and work in full compliance with our laws, producing 10% of GDP, pay taxes (more than 11 billion euros to Inland Revenue and in contributions in 2007), while building their futures in this country. It is not acceptable that if they lose their job they will also lose their residence permit, becoming irregular overstayers with the risk of expulsion and of exposure to blackmail from anyone;

reuniting families, to break the lonely and precarious conditions of immigrant families, because this represents the best investment in a future of legal immigration;

a true policy of asylum that respects the Constitution and the international commitments signed up to;
a contractual model that guarantees equal dignity for workers in enterprises.

Because we don't want:

the separate agreement on the rules for contractual bargaining, which reduces salaries, welfare protection, rights and jobs. It does not guarantee second level bargaining in small businesses where lots of immigrants work;

a points system for residence permits, which introduces a confused system of "integration" merit points on penalty of the resident permit being revoked;

payment of €200 to renew a residence permit: renewal is obligatory, it is both a right and a duty and already costs €75, with long delays in issuing permits often after they have already expired;

the crime of clandestinity: criminalisation is an inevitable consequence when entry is not allowed to look for work, and given the evident failure of the Decree to control immigration flows;

abolition of the ban on medical personnel reporting patients without a residence permit, in order to affirm everyone's right to medical treatment, as laid down in the Constitution and in international agreements, and to safeguard the health of the community;

local citizen patrols, in order not to divide the community, not to create baseless fears, and not to take over the role of the State.

To take part, get in touch with the CGIL in your town or city

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