

Support for Protest and Advocacy Actions on Global Climate Change in September, 2014

Whereas, recent scientific studies have indicated that climate change is advancing more quickly than anticipated (cf. Truthout blog, May 13, 2014, with links to actual studies); and

Whereas, the number and severity of climate change catastrophes (both acute and chronic) have increased across the country and planet (storms, fires, droughts, floods, mudslides, etc.); and

Whereas, the economic and political elites have refused to address the roots of the climate change crisis in the contradictions of the political-economic system: unlimited growth and profits vs. sustainability and equity, thus paralyzing and blocking efforts to make the necessary social changes; and

Whereas the climate change crisis threatens the very ecological foundation on which all our other campaigns and projects depend; and

Whereas the goal of this resolution is to widen the circle of PSC activists already concerned with climate change without drawing energy away from the contract, electoral, and other campaigns of the PSC; therefore,

Be it resolved , that the PSC support, build for, and participate in the Global Climate Change actions being planned for New York City by labor, environmental, and community organizations during the UN General Assembly from September 16-23, 2014; and

Be it further resolved that the PSC work with its NYSUT and AFT affiliates, the NYC Central Labor Council, and the State Federation, AFL-CIO, to build for these same actions; and

Be it further resolved that the PSC's support and participation include the formation of a mobilization working group to do outreach to PSC chapters concerning participation in the September 2014 events.

Submitted by the PSC Solidarity Committee