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Dear Comrades,

**KARNATAKA HIGH COURT DELIVERS A LANDMARK JUDGEMENT:
EMPLOYEES WHO RESIGNED FROM SERVICE OF THE BANKS AFTER COMPLETING
20 YEARS OF SERVICE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PENSION**

The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore, in a landmark Judgment in the case of WP No. 24158 – 24160/2011, Vijaya Bank Vs. Sri.C.Narasimhappa, have ordered that the petitioners, who resigned from service of the Bank, are eligible for pensionary benefits as they have completed the minimum qualifying service of 20 or more years of service, though they have resigned from service of the Bank. The Hon'ble Court has averred that merely because the petitioners have resigned from service of the Bank, they cannot be denied the pension benefit.

You may recall that AINBOF had taken up the issue with IBA and D.F.S. through written letter as well as in personal meeting the undersigned had with Secretary, D.F.S. The issue was also taken up by AIBOC. The issue was under consideration of the Ministry. AIBOC has addressed a letter to IBA urging upon them to honour the verdict of the Hon'ble High Court and instruct all the Banks to pay pension to all the officers who resigned from the service of the Bank.

We reproduce hereunder text of Circular No.62 issued by Com.Rishabh Das General Secretary of AIBOC for your information:

**QUOTE: UFBU MEETING HELD ON 06-07-2012 AT CHENNAI
GO AHEAD WITH THE 2 DAYS STRIKE ON 25/26-7-2012
COM.P.K.SARKAR, PRESIDENT, AIBOC ELECTED AS CONVENOR UFBU**

A meeting of the UFBU was held on 06-07-2012 at Chennai. Com. Ramesh Babu (President, BEFI) presided over the meeting.

- 1. Khandelwal Committee recommendations:** There were detailed discussions on this issue and all the constituent unions submitted their viewpoints. The meeting observed that the main thrust and core recommendations like bank-specific wage

revision, wages linked to performance, variable pay as a major component of our wage, cost to company concept total freedom to outsource permanent and core jobs, prescription of higher minimum qualification for recruitments, adverse staff ratio, high level of direct recruitment of officers, etc. are retrograde and are meant to destabilize the service conditions achieved by trade unions through bitter struggles and hard bargaining in the past. The meeting further noted that the unilateral guidelines being issued by the Government on various HR issues and the attempts of the bank managements to implement these guidelines through administrative measures are nothing but a naked attack on our rights of collective bargaining. The meeting hence decided as under:

#We must oppose these recommendations of Khandelwal Committee Report

#We must oppose all attempts of unilateral implementation of these recommendations

#Bilateralism in HR issues should not be allowed to be meddled with.

#Any change in HR policies should be discussed with the trade unions either at the industry level or at bank level as the case may be.

#Besides our opposition at the UFBU level, any unilateral action on HR matters in the garb of Khandelwal Committee recommendations should be opposed at the bank level also.

All unions are requested to take note of these developments and be guided accordingly.

2. Wage Revision: Taking note that the present wage settlement will come to an end by October this year and revision of wages is due from November, 2012, the meeting decided that this time also, the UFBU should move together to thwart the hurdles and difficulties that are expected to come in our way of achieving adequate wage revision for bank employees and officers. The meeting decided that after the constituent unions finalise their views on the charter of demands, common approach would be taken to work out common charter of demands for employees and officers respectively and to present the same jointly to the IBA by the end of August, 2012.

3. Current struggles: The meeting took for review the implementation of the current agitational programmes so far. After discussions it was decided that all out efforts should be taken to step up the tempo of our agitation and resolutely move towards the strike since the IBA has chosen to remain indifferent to our demands and issues. The meeting decided to go ahead with the serving of the strike notice on IBA and called upon all unions and members to implement the programmes and strike action successfully.

4. Com.P.K.Sarkar, President, AIBOC, elected as Convenor of UFBU: Further to the discussions held in our last meeting, the issue of convenorship was taken up in this meeting and it has been decided that Com. P.K. Sarkar (President, AIBOC) will be the Convener in the

place of Com.G.D.Nadaf who has since retired from the Bank service. The meeting also decided that functional aspects of UFBU would be discussed and finalized at the earliest to further strengthen the unity and cohesion of UFBU in the context of the increasing attacks and challenges on the trade union movement in general and in Banking Industry in particular.

5. Address for communication: Units are requested to take note of the following change of address for communication:

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With warm Greetings,

Yours faithfully,



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