



WFDY - World Federation of Democratic Youth  
Fédération Mondiale de la Jeunesse Démocratique  
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with UNESCO Peace Messenger award by UN Secretary General in 1987

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### **WFDY Statement for rejected political materials at the entrances of the XIX WFYS**

The World Federation of Democratic Youth totally denounces the approach of the security services at the entrances of the XIX WFYS which in fact in several occasions prohibited materials with political context towards the Festival's venues. WFDY repeats that from 1947 until today the World Festival of Youth and Students is a multi-cultural and political activity, which promotes rightful and progressive ideas.

WFDY states that the freedom of expression and the democratic approach must be guaranteed in the Festival. The only expression that is prohibited in the festival is the reactionary one, the fascists and discriminative expressions. Ideas such as peace, progress, social justice, anti-imperialism, ideas with reference to the Great October Socialist Revolution, ideas and reference to revolutionary transformation along with revolutionary symbols and personalities cannot be prohibited; such prohibition is against the tradition and the values of the World Festival of Youth and Students.

WFDY calls its members to continue supporting the activities and the discussion program approved by the 3<sup>rd</sup> IPM, to keep expressing in a polite and respectful manner on the favour of the unity with all the youth that are attending the Festival under the common task of the anti-imperialist struggle.

Sochi, October 19, 2017  
On behalf of WFDY

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