## UNITED FORUM OF BANK UNIONS

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TO ALL CONSTITUENT UNIONS/MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Our call for strike on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 Meeting with IBA held today

Vide our Circular No. 20 Dated 08-12-2021 we had inform our unions and members about the conciliation held by the Addl. Chief Labour Commissioner, Ministry of Labour, Government of India on 08-12-2021. As suggested and advised by the Addl. CLC, the IBA had convened a virtual meeting today noon.

Explaining the background of the meeting Shri Brajeshwar Sharma, Sr. Advisor, HR & IR, IBA stated that issues like privatisation of Banks are under Govt.'s purview and appealed that since the strike would affect the Banks and customers, the same may be deferred.

From our side, our representatives explained the reasons for the call for strike and emphasised how and why privatisation of public sector banks is totally unwarranted. We also explained how privatisation of banks would adversely impact the national economy, the people at large and all the stake-holders, particularly the large number of younger generation employees and officers who have chosen to join the Banks under public sectordue to the reasons like job security under public sector.

We also explained that the call for strike has been given since there is information that the Government is bringing the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 to enable privatisation of Banks.

Responding to the appeal of the IBA to defer the strike, we pointed out that if the Government would come out with the assurance that the Bill would not be introduced in the current Session of the Parliament, the UFBU would be inclined to reconsider the strike call.

We suggested to IBA to convey our views to the Addl. Chief Labour Commissioner as well as to the Ministry of Finance.

As already scheduled, the conciliation meeting will be held at Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

In the meantime, we exhort all our unions and members to go ahead with the preparations to make our strike a total success and ensure that there is no let up in our mobilisation efforts.

With warm greetings,

Yours comradely,

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