



FIRST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONGRESS DUBLIN, IRELAND - 18th & 19th SEPTEMBER 2013

SOLIDARITY WITH MEXICAN ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

The Global Power Trade Union Congress wishes to express its strong support for the Mexican Electricians Union (SME) in their heroic struggle for jobs and collective bargaining. We call on the Mexican Government to find an immediate solution to their demands. In light of the current state of play in the negotiations between the Mexican Government and the SME, the conflict should not be allowed to continue in detriment to thousands of workers and their families.

Our organizations will closely follow any developments and will not hesitate to take the necessary actions to support our brothers and sisters in the Mexican Electricians Union.

The 17th October will be a global day of action and each Union commits to protesting through whatever means at their disposal including protest demonstrations in front of the Mexican Embassies in our respective Countries to support the Mexican Electricians' Union, where possible.

Australia.



Members of the ETU in Canberra Australia.

Ireland.



Members of the TEEU, SIPTU and other unions in Dublin, Ireland in a show of Solidarity Mexican Electrician Workers Union.

(A letter endorsing the recent motion of the Global Power Trade Unions congress was handed in by Eamon Devoy of the TEEU.

See short video of the protest on youtube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uWZpxZmre0>

Denmark.

A letter of support from the Danish Union of electricians was delivered to the Mexican Embassy.

Partial extract of the letter.

"On behalf of the Danish Union of Electricians I write to you in concern for our electrical brothers and sisters in Mexico and to protest against the anti-union and anti-workers treatment your government has shown. In an attempt to crush Mexico's oldest democratic Union the SME, the previous president Felipe Calderón used an executive order to shut down the utility Company overnight sacking the entire 44,000 workforce. The SME have fought for those workers' jobs back ever since.

And in this workers conflict 6 to 9 union person has been in jail for nearly two years. We call on the Mexican Government to find an immediate solution to the workers demands. The conflict should be solved by negotiations between the Mexican Government and the SME, the conflict should not be allowed to continue in detriment to thousands of workers and their families."

Mexican Embassy
Ambassador José Ignacio Madrazo

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Dear Mr. Ambassador

On behalf of the Danish Union of Electricians I write to you in concern for our electrical brothers and sisters in Mexico and to protest against the anti-union and anti-workers treatment your government has shown.

I'm deeply concerned that the Mexican government can treat its own people in these manners.

I'm writing about the dispute there is between the Mexican Electricians Union (SME) and the federal government.

The Union has been involved in one particular struggle since 2009 and they are seeking the return to employment of 16,599 workers of Luz y Fuerza del Centro (LyFC) who did not accept a settlement since being sacked on 10 October 2009.

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I hope that you as Ambassador in Denmark, will urge your government to find a solution now and get the workers their jobs back.

We will as part of the global trade unions follow the case and will not rest before justice is done.

As part of a global power trade union congress meeting in Dublin, Ireland we support the following resolution.

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Yours sincerely

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