



TUCA´s statement on the russian war and invasion in Ukraine

TUCA rejects and condemns the war and the Russian invasion in Ukraine. Those who bear the greatest cost of this conflict are workers in the affected territories. The exit from the conflict must prioritize their living conditions.

It must be a priority to protect all Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine and refugees in neighboring countries. Solidarity with the internally displaced and refugees of this conflict must not overshadow or reduce the urgent need to care for the millions of people affected by other military conflicts, as well as to strengthen humanitarian aid for all Internally Displaced Persons and refugees in the world.

The international trade union movement must advocate firmly for a negotiated solution, with an immediate ceasefire and complete withdrawal of Russian military units from Ukraine, with guarantees of security.

Peace is built with dialogue, not with arms.

The trade union movement must prioritize global solidarity and the defense of the working class, without following the determinations and actions of governments and their geopolitical interests, and even less those coming from corporations that transform wars into a big business that feeds an economic model that generates crisis in the world.

The consequences of this war for the world economy are already deepening the concentration of wealth and access to food and basic needs in all regions of the world. There is an urgent need to recover multilateralism and international law as the basis of stability and security for all the nations of the world.

Like other regions of the world, Latin America and the Caribbean during its history has suffered from armed interventions, military coups, and all kinds of interference by foreign powers. The trade union movement of the Americas therefore ratifies its commitment to peace, sovereignty and the self-determination of peoples and nations as expressed in its 4th Congress document.

Our tradition of solidarity has condemned these acts, which we repudiate and appeal not to be committed in the future in any region of the world.

We recognize the right of other regions of the world and nations also to be free from any foreign military presence and to have their territories subject to dispute between the powers of the world. We reject any further military intervention from outside Ukraine.

We stand in solidarity with Ukrainian unions, who have struggled for decades to guarantee the right to organize and bargain collectively, while protecting working people from precarious or "informal" work, and fighting climate change, gender-based violence and harassment, employment discrimination against LGBTQI+ workers, and employer corruption.



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From the Americas we affirm: No to wars, let us advance for a world of peace and justice.

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