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TUCA's Executive Council motion in solidarity with the trade union movement in Belarus

The Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA), which represents more than 55 million workers in the hemisphere, at its Executive Council meeting in Panama, expresses its solidarity with the trade union movement from Belarus and its concern regarding the attacks on freedom of association and the right to organize in that country.

The political situation arising around the Russian invasion to Ukraine cannot be an excuse to attack the trade union movement anywhere in the world. The defense of workers' rights is the principle of trade unionism, regardless of the geopolitical interests of any governments in conflict.

We condemn the attacks on the right to organize and the trade union movement criminalization, through detentions, surveillance, administrative sanctions, interrogations, break-ins to trade union leaders' homes.

The repression and criminalization to the trade union movement being carried out by the Belarusian government constitutes a very serious violation of ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association and the Right to Organize, ratified by Belarus. This violation adds to all complaints before the ILO Standards Committee, who has repeatedly ruled on non-compliance with the convention since 2004.

The trade unionism in the Americas expresses its solidarity with the trade union movement in Belarus, with the workers and peoples. Our internationalist vision defending the working class unites us with the comrades who are being repressed for the use of their right to organize.

TUCA's Executive Council demands the immediate release of all detained comrades and the guarantee of the necessary conditions for the exercise of their trade union activity.

Trade unions are actors of peace and democracy anywhere in the world, our commitment is to the working class around the world.