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### **International Alert for Haiti**

To all organizations affiliated to TUCA  
To the fraternal trade union organizations  
To trade unionism in the Americas

Dear colleagues, as you know, the political and social situation in Haiti has been in a permanent state of crisis and emergency for more than 10 years, due to successive military interventions and economic blockades by Global northern powers.

Our brothers and sisters, fellow workers and the union leadership in Haiti face the permanent risk of criminalization, threats from gangs and militias, and persecution from an illegitimate government, which has been maintained thanks to the United States and the so-called international community support.

The historical mobilizations, mainly in the last four years, demand the recognition of sovereignty, propose transformations of the electoral structures for the establishment of truly democratic institutions and reject the permanent insecurity, which mainly affects women, denounce the increase in food and fuel prices and demand social and economic justice.

The current prime minister Ariel Henry, has called for military intervention, arguing the critical social and health situation. However, this situation has been generated precisely by previous interventions, such as the one that took place between 2004 and 2017 known as MINUSTAH, which not only brought cholera to the Caribbean country but also deepened violence, especially sexual assaults, and insecurity.

In the last period, the responses from different organized sectors of the people's forces have claimed its necessary recognition as a sovereign actor capable of proposing the solutions that the country requires. The Haitian trade union confederations affiliated to TUCA are part of these actions and mobilizations, demanding the guarantee of the minimum conditions for the working population, denouncing foreign intervention, and demanding the establishment of an effective social dialogue toward the respect of fundamental labor rights.

Solidarity from trade unionism in the Americas is today more urgent than ever. In the coming days, the different social and political articulations in Haiti, and the international solidarity platforms of which the trade union movement is part, will be promoting different actions to accompany this critical moment that our sisters and brothers are facing in Haiti. We invite trade unionism in the Americas to join these initiatives of solidarity and to advocate towards their governments asking for the rejection of the military intervention in Haiti and respect for the Haitian people's sovereignty. We will be disclosing the days, places, and actions to join and express effective solidarity with brothers and sisters in Haiti.

In solidarity,

  
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