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TUCA stands in solidarity with UK trade unions in defense of the right to strike

The **Trade Union Confederation of the Americas (TUCA)**, representing more than 55 million of workers from the region, with 49 national affiliates from 21 countries, states its strongest rejection to the law project to regulate the “minimum services” to cover in case of a strike in the UK.

The UK's strikes bill (minimum services level), which is currently debated at the British parliament and is about to be approved, limits the right to strike in different activity sectors, obliging even unions themselves to implement anti-union measures, and unprotects workers under strike, who democratically opted to use their union freedom. The initiative is framed in a process of consecutive restrictions to the union freedoms being applied in that country, at the point that the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations has regraded the lack of reassessment to existing legal mechanisms that affect union freedom.

For TUCA, the bill to regulate minimum services in the UK establishes strong limitations to the right to strike, and through it, it aggravates the dependence and inequality within the labour relations. It shows the scale up campaign from conservative governments in different regions against existing instruments for workers collective action: unions, collective bargaining and strike.

The Trade Union Congress (TUC) has called to a national day of action on 1st of February to prevent the bill to move forward at the British parliament. At the same time, public services, education and transportation unions will call to a strike. Those unions have thousands of workers affiliates, who also demand better salaries, job opportunities and labour conditions.

The Americas trade unionism states its support and solidarity with the British unions call to mobilize and strike in defense of their rights. We invite all our affiliates to express the union internationalism, stating their solidarity with UK TUC and its affiliates.

In solidarity,

Rafael Freire
General Secretary