

Geneva, 25 April 2017

The National Council of Argentina, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of our organization, IndustriALL Global Union, and in view of the worsening social, economic, political and labour situation experienced by Argentine workers:

RESOLVES:

1. to denounce to the international community the **increasing attacks and persecution against the various unions** and the **subjugation of their historic rights**, as part of a **systematic plan** aimed at dismantling all resistance to the process of economic adjustment which has already led to increased unemployment, poverty and foreign debt, raising unused capacity in the industrial sector to historic levels, an irrational increase in imports which is destroying Argentine industry, a growing wave of firings and layoffs which is further worsening the present situation. Negotiations are in practice thwarted by the non-approval of agreements adopted in various sectors.
2. to denounce **the subjection of the National Constitution to denying the rights enshrined in it, as is the case for collective bargaining** with teachers and the educational community as a whole, a symbolic violation of those rights where the demand for collective bargaining leads to threats and demonization of their leaders.
3. **to denounce and repudiate the growing and dangerous judicialization of union protests and expressions of public opinion.**
4. **to express solidarity with the general strike of 28 April declared by our brotherly unions in Brazil**, confronted by an accelerating loss of rights and labour progress.

We endorse the words of Pope Francis, who said:

“It is imperative for political leaders and financial powers to raise their eyes and broaden their perspectives, to seek to ensure decent work, education and health care for all citizens.”