

IndustriALL Global Union, representing 50 million industrial workers in 140 countries, condemns the violent disruption by the CTM of the union representation election (recuento) today at the Arneses y Accesorios de México plants of PKC Group in Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, where Los Mineros was challenging the CTM for control of the collective bargaining agreement.

According to reports and videos from Los Mineros, local media, and independent observers, a bus with approximately 40 men entered one of the plants. The men then attacked a polling station, destroying the ballot boxes and carrying off nearly three thousand ballot papers. A similar attack occurred at a second polling station. As a result of these actions, the Federal Conciliation and Arbitration Board suspended the voting.

The PKC workers have been waiting for more than six years for the right to vote for their representatives. The failure of the Mexican government to guarantee a basic democratic right established under ILO Conventions, and its inability even to ensure the physical security of the workers, raise serious questions about its institutional capacity to implement the recently enacted labor reforms to the Mexican Constitution as well as commitments undertaken in the US-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement.

IndustriALL welcomes the new government of Andrés Manuel López Obrador which will take office on December 1, bringing the promise of change to Mexican workers. We urge the new government to act swiftly to make that promise a reality by providing the necessary guarantees to allow the PKC workers to exercise their democratic rights at the earliest possible opportunity.

Video link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Arneserosmineros1/videos/257784334918209/>