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Dear Mr. President,

Your recent inauguration as President of Mexico is a right moment to urge you to use all your authority to help resolving the workers' rights violations in Mexico.

On February 19 we are witnessing the sad anniversary of the Pasta de Conchos mine catastrophe with the loss of 65 workers – also our colleagues trade unionists. The incident itself is a big disaster for the families of these miners, but the inactivity of Grupo Mexico and the Government in respect of recovery of the 63 bodies to make possible their decent funeral is shocking. Same as the way how the families and children of victims are treated.

Violation of workers rights including persecution of trade unions, changes in the labour legislation going against the workers and their trade unions, breaching ILO Conventions and Recommendations and also the situation of Napoleon Gomez Urrutia, who lives since 2006 in exile in Canada – these all are bad news coming continuously from our Mexican colleagues showing how Mexican authorities ignore the basic workers rights, human rights and globally adopted and respected standards.

As other trade unions in the whole world we would like to ask you to use all your authority as the highest representative of Mexico to stop violation of rights, to reverse the labour legislation and promote decent working conditions and free independent trade unionism in line with ILO core standards in your country.

We are convinced you will hear the trade unionist from the whole world and appreciate your intervention in above mentioned issues.

Yours sincerely

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