

INDUSTRIAL GLOBAL UNION REJECTS DISMANTLING OF INTERAMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

RESOLUTION

The Inter-american Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is an autonomous and central organ of the Organization of American States (OAS) for the protection and promotion of human rights in the region. It services populations, communities and groups which have traditionally suffered discrimination, including the trade union movement.

The IACHR is currently constrained in its ability to fulfill its mandate and carry out its basic functions as a result of a lack of support which has generated a financial crisis with serious consequences. The IACHR will have to suspend the visits to Member States it had planned for this year as well as the sessions scheduled for July and October, and will have to terminate the contracts of 40% of its staff.

Beyond the present financial crisis, the IACHR suffers from a systematic and chronic underfunding. There is a profound discrepancy between the organization's mandate and the resources it receives.

The IACHR has called upon the Member States of the OAS, and others, to provide resources before June 15 and to approve a substantial increase in the regular budget of the organization.

In this sense, the Executive Committee of IndustriALL Global Union:

- Affirms its unconditional support for the mandate of the IACHR of protecting human rights in the American continent;
- strongly opposes the dismantling of the work of the IACHR which will leave those affected by labour rights violations defenceless;
- Calls on the governments of the Member States to immediately make a financial contribution in order to maintain the work of the IACHR as well as to adopt a sustainable solution to this serious and chronic problem, thus showing its commitment to the respect of human rights through actions and not just through words.