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IndustriALL Global Union calls again on Government of Canada to act urgently at Canada's Torex Gold Resources in Mexico in light of mounting violence

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing this letter to you as the General Secretary of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing sectors throughout the world, including Canada, to call again on the Government of Canada to act urgently in light of mounting violence at the Media Luna mine, which is owned by Canada's Torex Gold Resources in Mexico, and in which three striking workers have been murdered in the last three months.

Since our last letter to you from 21 November 2017 in which we denounced the murder, by a group of armed civilians, of Víctor and Marcelino Sahuaitla Peña on 18 November at the Canadian-owned Media Luna gold mine in the state of Guerrero, a third worker, Quintín Salgado, was also killed by armed civilians on 24 January. As we pointed out before, the root cause of these brutal murders is the widespread repression of labour rights in Mexico, including by Canadian companies.

I take this opportunity to commend you on the establishment of an Ombudsperson and a multi-stakeholder Advisory Body on Responsible Business, which will be responsible for supporting Canadian companies in operating responsibly and improving access to remedy for human rights and labour rights abuses arising from Canadian companies operating abroad.

I cannot think of a more pertinent and urgent case to hear, in launching the work of the Ombudsperson and the multi-stakeholder Advisory Body on Responsible Business, than Torex Gold Resources' operation at the Media Luna mine in Mexico.

Bearing in mind the gravity of the situation, IndustriALL Global Union calls on the Canadian Government to intervene immediately to ensure the security of the striking miners, and prevent further violence against the workers and community at this Canadian-owned mine. Furthermore, it is imperative that the Mexican authorities and the company immediately recognize Los Mineros as the legitimate bargaining agent and representative of these workers, who have expressed overwhelmingly and repeatedly their choice for this union.



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