

Embassy of Mexico

Bangkok, Thailand

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The Ambassador,

Through the international trade union movement, IndustriALL Global Union, Thai labour movement have been informed of the labour and human rights violations in Mexico.

In particular, we have serious concerns on:

- 'Protection Contracts' (ILO Complaint no. 2694)
- Pasta de Conchos Justice
- Recent regressive labour law reforms

We also call upon Pena Nieto Government to ensure the swift and safe return of Los Mineros' General Secretary Nepoleon Gomez Urrutia who is also an executive committee member of international trade union movement IndustriALL Global Union. Nepoleon Gomez Urrutia is in exile in Canada due to bogus legal charges supported by the outgoing Calderon regime. Pena Nieto must also intervene to bring labour peace and justice to key strikes at Grupo Mexico mines in Sombrerete, Cananea and Taxco where the company has forced Los Mineros members to strike for over five years.

The SME trade union of electricians is still fighting for reinstatement for over 16,500 workers in Mexico City following a Supreme Court ruling in their favour.

IndustriALL members in the energy, petroleum, glass, shoe and auto industries also need government intervention to end unjust attacks from employers who prefer to establish protection contracts with yellow unions and bypass industrial relations system to further exploit their workforce.

It is time for the Mexican authorities to respect and act upon the recommendations of the ILO's Committee on Freedom of Association, approved by the ILO's Governing Body last June that call on the Mexican government to examine the issue of Protection Contracts.

Yours sincerely,

Chemical Workers Union Alliance