Statement of “International Labour Network of Solidarity and Struggle” to call demonstrations against the G20 meeting that will be in Argentina in November 2018

On July 4 a preparatory meeting against the G20 took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. ILNSS was represented by CSP-Conlutas of Brazil. The meeting was attended by more than 100 trade unions, social and political organizations and has been taking place as an initiative to organize the struggle against neoliberal plans for fiscal adjustments and reforms in Argentina, with a focus on organizing the fight against the G20 meeting (twenty countries of the world's strongest economies) that will be in Buenos Aires.

At the meeting two important resolutions were decided: to call an international meeting for September 1 in Buenos Aires in order to expand internationally the mobilization against the G20 meeting and to call for the construction of mass mobilizations for the days 30 Nov. and 1 Dec. in repudiation of the presence of the G20 leaders who will be meeting to deepen the exploitation and oppression of workers and youth.

A brief introduction on the G20

The G20, according to its own definition, is the "leading international forum for economic, financial and political cooperation” of the 20 largest economies in the world. It emerged in the late 1990s as an informal forum of Finance Ministers. In 2008 it became the main forum for "facing" the financial crisis and safeguarding the capitalist system.

Geopolitically, there are the most important countries in the world (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Australia, Canada and USA, Germany, France, Italy), the European Union (member number 20), international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the OECD, the International Labor Organization, etc. The member countries represent 85% of world GDP, two thirds of the world population and 75% of international trade.

It will be the first time the G20 meeting takes place in South America. Argentina took the temporary presidency of the forum in December 2017 and with it the responsibility of hosting the next meeting that will take place on November 30 and December 1.

A schedule of more than 50 preparatory meetings of the work teams can be found at the link: https://www.g20.org/en/calendario. Expenditures for the G20 are almost equal to those of the Argentine budget in 2018 for the environment and ecology.

There will be a great military presence. To ensure the safety of airspace, the government has already bought planes and helicopters, a missile defense system and will move in from Mar del Plata. In addition, “anti-riot” materials, such as rifles, riot pumpkins, tear gas shells and multi-threat bags, containment fences, helmets, shields, gas masks and batons for police officers and agents, as well as plastic loops which are used as handcuffs for detention. There will be about 15,500 people from the 4 security forces, and they are being forced to participate in more police units of the provinces, which are the basis of security operations.
The struggle of the Argentines against the IMF, imperialism and the struggle of all the workers around the world

The political climate in Argentina with the issue of lending to the IMF, the general strike and the various struggles of the categories, and the struggle of women for abortion rights, make the possibility of radical and mass actions against the G20 meeting possible.

The mobilizations of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 are of great importance for the anti-imperialist struggle on the American continent and signify a continuation of the mobilizations that have taken place in countries that have hosted such forums.

These initiatives of the social movements of Argentina gain great importance in the international struggle against capitalism. G20 leaders led by US imperialism use such forums to outline policies of further adjustment and attacks on working class living standards worldwide.

At the last meeting of the ILNSS, which took place in El Escorial - Spanish State, in January of this year we approved a resolution of active participation of the Network's organizations in the mobilizations against the G7 and G20.

By believing in the direct struggle and the necessity of internationalism as indispensable means in the struggle against capitalism, the entities belonging to the International Labour Network of Solidarity and Struggle propose to join in on the international call for mobilizations against the G20 meeting and will strive in this to build at national and international levels, adding to the mobilizations in Buenos Aires with delegations from neighboring countries and demonstrations in the Argentine embassies in other countries, that because of the distance, will not be able to participate in the actions in Argentina.

- Not to the G20 the IMF and its neoliberal policies to attack workers and youth!
- All support for the international meeting of workers against the G20 - September 1, 2018!
- We will be together in Buenos Aires protesting against the G20 capitalists!

The organizations that are part of the International Union of Solidarity and Struggle:

Organizaciones sindicales estatales interprofesionales

- Central Sindical e Popular Conlutatas (CSP-CONLUTAS) - Brésil.
- Confederación General del Trabajo (CGT) - Etat espagnol.
- Union syndicale Solidaires (Solidaires) - France.
- Confédération Générale du Travail du Burkina (CGT-B) - Burkina.
- Confederation of Indonesia People's Movement (KPRI) - Indonésie.
- Confédération Intersindical (Intersindical) - Etat espagnol.
- Confédération Générale Autonome des Travailleurs en Algérie (CGATA) - Algérie.
- Batay Ouvriye - Haïti.
- Unione Sindacale Italiana (USI) - Italie.
- Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs - Solidarité Ouvrière (CNT SO) - France.
- Sindicato de Comisiones de Base (CO.BAS) - Etat espagnol.
- Organisation Générale Indépendante des Travailleurs et Travailleuses d’Haïti (OGTHI) - Haïti.
- Sindicato Intercategorial Cobas (SI COBAS) - Italie.
- Confédération Nationale du Travail (CNT-f) - France.
- Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya (IAC) - Catalogne.
- Union Générale des Travailleurs Sahraouis (UGTSARIO) - Sahara occidental.
- Ezker Sindikalaren Konbergentzia (ESK) - Pays basque.
- Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs du Sénégal Forces du Changement (CNTS/FC) - Sénégal.
- Sindicato Autorganizado Laborator COBAS (SIAL-COBAS) - Italie.
- General Federation of Independent Unions (GFIU) - Palestine.
- Confederación de la Clase Trabajadora (CCT) - Paraguay.
- Red Solidaria de Trabajadores - Pérou.
Organizaciones sindicales estatales profesionales o de sector
- National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT/TUC) - Grande-Bretagne.
- Centrale Nationale des Employés – Confédération Syndicale Chrétienne (CNE/CSC) - Belgique.
- Syndicato Nacional de Trabajadores del Sistema Agroalimentario (SINALTRAINAL/CUT) - Colombie.
- Fédération Générale des Postes, Telecom et Centres d’apvell - Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (FGPTT/UGTT) - Tunisie.
- Trade Union in Ethnadata - Trade Union of Employees in the Outsourcing Companies in the financial sector - Grèce.
- Syndicat national des travailleurs des services de la santé humaine (SYNTRAUSEH) - Bénin.
- Syndicat dos Trabalhadores da Fiocruz (ASFOC-SN) - Brésil.
- Organizzazione Sindicati Autonomi e di Base Ferrovia (ORSA Ferrovia) - Italie.
- Union Nationale des Normaliens d’Haiti (UNNOH) - Haïti.
- Confederación Unitaria di Base Scuola Università Ricerca (CUB SUR) - Italie.
- Coordinamento Autorganizzato Trasporti (CAT) - Italie.
- Syndicat des travailleurs du rail - Union Nationale des Travaillers du Mali (SYTRAINL/UNTML) - Mali.
- Gida Sanayi İşçileri Sendikası - Devrimci İşçi Sendikaları Konfederasyonu (GIDA-İŞ/DISK) - Turquie.
- Syndicat National des Travaillers du Petit Train Bleu/SA (SNTPTB) - Sénégal.
- Asociación Nacional de Funcionarios Administrativos de la Caja de Seguro Social (ANFACSS) - Panama.
- Palestininan Postal Service Workers Union (PPSWU) - Palestine.
- Union Syndicale Etudiante (USE) - Belgique.
- Syndicato dos Trabalhadores de Call Center (STCC) - Portugal.
- Syndicato Unitario de Trabajadores Petroleros (Sinuatapetrolgas) - Venezuela.
- Alianza de Trabajadores de la Salud y Empleados Publicos - Mexique.
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers / Syndicat des travailleurs et travailleuses des postes (CUPW-STTP) – Canada.
- Syndicat Autonome des Postiers (SAP) - Suisse.
- Federación nacional de trabajadores de la educación (SUTE-Chili) - Chili.
- Plateforme Nationale des organisations professionnelles du secteur public - Côte d’Ivoire.
- Fédération nationale des ouvriers et collectivités locales - Union Marocaine du Travail (UMT-Collectivités locales) - Maroc.
- Centrale Générale des Services Publics FGTB, Cheminots (CGSP/FGTB Cheminots) - Belgique.
- Botswana Public Employees Union (BOPEU) - Botswana.
- Federacao Nacional dos Ttрабalhadores em Transportes Aéros do Brasil (FNTTA) - Brésil.
- Federação Nacional dos Metroviários (FENAMETRO) - Brésil.
- Namibia Football Players Union (NAFPU) – Namibie.
- Palestininan Electricians’ Trade Union (PETU) – Palestine.

Organizaciones sindicales locales
- Trades Union Congress, Liverpool (TUC Liverpool) - Angleterre.
- Syndicato Territoriale Autorganizzato, Brescia (ORMA Brescia) - Italie.
- Fédération syndicale SUD Service public, canton de Vaud (SUD Vaud) - Suisse.
- Syndicato Unitario de Catalunya (SU Metro) - Catalogne.
- Türkiye DERİ-İŞ Sendikasi, Tuzla et Izmir (DERİ-İŞ Tuzla et Izmir) - Turquie.
- L’autre syndicat, canton de Vaud (L’autre syndicat) - Suisse.
- Centrale Générale des Services Publics FGTB, Ville de Bruxelles (CGSP/FGTB Bruxelles) - Belgique.
- Arbeitkreis Internationalismus Metal, Berlin (IG Metall Berlin) - Allemagne.
- Syndicato Unificado de Trabajadores de la Educación de Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca (SUTEBA/CTA de los trabajadores Bahia Blanca) - Argentine.
- Syndicato del Petróleo y Gas Privado del Chubut/CGT - Argentine.
- UCU University and College Union, University of Liverpool (UCU Liverpool) - Angleterre.
- Syndicato di base Pavia (SDB Pavia) - Italie.
- United Auto Workers local 551 Ford Chicago (UAW Ford Chicago) – Etats-unis.
- Syndicato Uno Prodinsa, Maipú – Chili.

Organizaciones sindicales internacionales
- Industrial Workers of the World - International Solidarity Commission (IWW).

Corrientes, tendencias o Redes sindicales
- Transnationals Information Exchange Germany (TIE Germany) - Allemagne.
Emancipation tendance intersyndicale (Emancipation) - France.
Globalization Monitor (Gmo) - Hong Kong.
Courant Syndicaliste Révolutionnaire (CSR) - France.
No Austerity - Coordinamento delle lotte - Italie.
Solidarité Socialiste avec les Travailleurs en Iran (SSTI) - France.
Basis Initiative Solidarität (BASO) - Allemagne.
LabourNet Germany - Allemagne.
Resistenza Operaia - operai Fiat-Irisbus - Italie.
Workers Solidarity Action Network (WSAN) - Etats-Unis.
United Voices of the World (UVW) - Grande-Bretagne.
Unidos pra Lutar - Brésil.