

Official Statement

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Mexico City, Mexico



To BWI affiliated organizations in Chile, To its workers and the people in general

The **BWI Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean**, issued a Resolution on Chile's Situation, at its 14th Ordinary Meeting held in Mexico City, on 18-19 October 2019. However, due to the growing wave of protests from workers, students, families and the people in general, the BWI, its affiliated organizations in the region, and its governing bodies throughout the world *express, in a strong and solid way, its most absolute support on the legitimate demands of a people raised in protest against the unequal living conditions of their population.*

The BWI and all its affiliated organizations in the region and the world are in permanent monitoring, in support of the *National Federation of Workers in Construction, Wood, Services and Allied Sectors, **FETRACOMA**, the Trade Union of Workers in Masisa Mapal Plant, **STMM**, the National Confederation of Forestry Workers, **CTF**, the Trade Union of the Industrial Enterprise Society Romeral and the Cement Workers' Federation of Chile, **FETRACEM**.* BWI supports as well National Trade Union Confederations, students and the people in general, given the excessive repression of the government forces that have lashed out at the population in marches and mobilizations, in demand of a less life expensive, a social security for the population according to the economic growth indicators, an objective, critical and quality education that allows the inclusion of the large majority excluded, marginalized or relegated by a minority that commands and exercises the economic and political power of the country.

The spontaneous reaction of the population in general and its workers, since last 18 October, already charges as tragic balance 19 people killed at least in Santiago, Valparaíso and Concepción; more than 2840 detainees and an uncounted number of injuries of varying severity that exceeds 84 people.

Therefore, we urge the government authorities to stop the excessive violence against the population that expresses their disagreements. We urge them to start a dialogue to achieve the transformations that the country requires for the sake of social justice and peace that this worthy people deserve, and for which they have already paid with blood in decades of struggle and effort.

Long live to Chilean people and their workers!

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