

April 28, 2017

His Excellency Denis Fontes de Souza Pinto  
Ambassador-designate of the Federative Republic of Brazil  
Embassy of Brazil in Ottawa  
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**Solidarity letter: General Strike in Brazil on April 28, 2017**

His Excellency:

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), a trade union organization affiliated to Public Services International (PSI), would like to express our support for the General Strike taking place in Brazil today, and to also express our concern regarding recent developments which lead to this mass mobilization.

The General Strike in Brazil has been organized following several demonstrations which mobilized millions of workers, trade unions and social movements over the past several months. The Government of Brazil is now aware of substantial opposition and discontent with the proposed Social Security Reform, Labor Reform and unlimited outsourcing which will deepen the precarity of the population, and the precarious nature of labor relations in Brazil.

In addition, such measures disrespect ILO Convention 102 which Brazil ratified in 2008, concerning the social security norms guaranteed to the population. Brazil has made a commitment to promote standards of social security services considered essential by the international community, and these commitments must be upheld.

Those reforms also defy the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) adopted by Brazil as one of the 191 members of the United Nations, which aim to positively intervene in the guarantee of better living conditions for the entire population.

Due to the gravity of the situation, we are monitoring developments in Brazil closely. We request that this letter be handed to the Brazilian authorities listed below as an expression of our solidarity with the Brazilian workers.

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On behalf of CUPE, we again express our support for the General Strike on April 28, 2017 in Brazil, and request that the Government of Brazil heed the call of the population to reconsider the above-mentioned reforms.

We request this letter is remitted to the following authorities of Brazil:

**Mr. Michel Temer**  
President of Brazil

**Mr. Aloysio Nunes**  
Minister of Foreign Relations

**Mr. Ronaldo Nogueira**  
Minister of Labor and Social Security

**Mr. Eunício Oliveira**  
President of the Federal Senate

**Mr. Rodrigo Maia**  
President of the Federal Congress

**Mrs. Carmen Lucia Antunes Rocha**  
President of the Supreme Court

Yours truly,



**MARK HANCOCK**  
National President



**CHARLES FLEURY**  
National Secretary-Treasurer

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D. Dau, Advisor of PSI Brazil; I. Ojeda, Communications Coordinator of PSI Inter-America