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His Excellency Denis Fontes de Souza Pinto  
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His Excellency,

The Public Serve Alliance of Canada, affiliated to Public Services International (PSI), would like to express its support for the General Strike taking place in Brazil today, and voice our concern regarding recent developments which have led 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 well aware of the substantial opposition and discontent regarding the proposed Social Security Reform, Labour Reform and unlimited outsourcing which will deepen the vulnerability of the population, and the precarious nature of labour relations in Brazil.


In addition, such measures contravene 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.

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

Sincerely,

  
Robyn Benson  
National President

We request this letter be 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