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To the International Entities partners of CNTE

Subject: **National Education Strike and new CNTE Executive Board**

Dear Fellow(s):

On January 15, the Brazilian basic level public school education workers elected the new CNTE Executive Board with 86.8% of votes among the 2,261 delegates registered at the 33rd CNTE Congress. We understand that the election result reveals the adjustment of the majority political field of CNTE in conducting the struggles of the category and in defense of the working class in general during the last years.

During our Congress we were pleased to count on over twenty international entities that followed all the activities since the international seminar that was organized on the eve and we wish to convey our sincere acknowledgment to the delegations from IEAL – Costa Rica, CTERA – Argentina, FENAPES – Uruguay, FUM-TEP – Uruguay, OTEP-A – Paraguay, UNE-SN – Paraguay, ANDES 21 de Junio – El Salvador, CNEH – Haiti, BC Teacher's Federation – Canada, AFT – United States, SINPROF – Angola, FSTECDCSA – Angola, SINAPROF – Guinea Bissau, SINDEPROF – Guinea Bissau, SINPRESTEP – S. Tomé and Príncipe, FECAP – Cape Verde, ONP – Mozambique, FENPROF – Portugal, FNE – Portugal, CPLP-SE – Portugal, Lärarförbundet – Sweden, UEN – Norway, GEW – Germany, and ZENKYO – Japan.

Following on with the mobilizations in defense of democracy, the right to free, secular, democratic public education with socially referenced quality for everyone, also valuing education professionals and **AGAINST THE REFORM OF PUBLIC WELFARE** and other projects and measures from Michel Temer's coup government, the 33° CNTE Congress approved to come out on a **NATIONAL EDUCATION STRIKE, starting on March 15.**

Considering the judicial-parliamentary-media coup in Brazil seeking to:

- *Challenge the Rule of Law set forth in the Constitution;*
- *Replace the income distribution policies with sub-contracting and privatization policies;*
- *Restrict the Brazilian State preventing it from promoting economic growth by means of freezing investments for 20 years;*
- *Impose a **WELFARE REFORM** that will punish the working class and the more impoverished in the country, more specifically in education for women, by sponsoring the dismantle of the public welfare and promoting private funds:*

The 33° National CNTE Congress has approved to come out on a **NATIONAL EDUCATION STRIKE**, with the outlook of strengthening the **GENERAL STRIKE** by the Working Class.

The objective of the coup in Brazil was to return the political power to the elites by laying the path for privatizing public companies and the mineral wealth, placing the country in the global neoliberal agenda, transferring even public services and funds to the marketplace, especially education, health and welfare.

Furthermore, the coup appears as being orchestrated in Latin America and it requires that workers and social movements to unite in opposition to the neoliberal, conservative hegemony in the area. And CNTE has embodied this struggle in Brazil with the urgency required by the situation.

Therefore, CNTE is expecting to count on other professional categories to join the EDUCATION STRIKE, as well as the youth and the national student entities.

We expect to also count on broad support from the international community, especially the entities affiliated to Education International through messages addressed to CNTE and the Brazilian Government, or even by means of the attendance by some fellows at strategic events of the NATIONAL STRIKE.

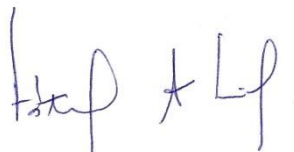
We take this opportunity to present the composition of the new CNTE Executive Board and Supervisory Board who will be in charge of our Confederation for the next four years (until January 2021), attached below.

With the expectation of maintaining and broadening unity in the working class struggle at the global level, we remain

Sincerely Yours,



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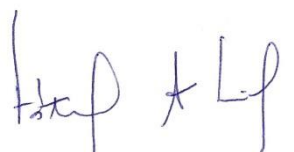
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