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Mexican Ambassador in the Argentine Republic

Maria Cristina de la Garza Sandoval

Dear Ms.:

On behalf of 12.000 members from the Asociación de Supervisores de la Industria Metalmeccánica de la República Argentina (ASIMRA), I want to manifest you that I am shocked for the repeated actions such as the intimidation, the illegal arrests, the deadly violence and the murder against the SNTMMSRM.

As it is known, Napoleón Gómez Urrutia, the elected democratic Secretary from the SNTMMSRM, was dismissed by force in March 2006, immediately afterward he was pronounced against the serious negligence government and the company referred to the health and security in the mine "Pasta de Conchos", as a consequence, 65 miners lost their life for an explosion. The Mexican Human Right Commission had investigated the accident happened the following weeks, who had confirmed that negligence.

The IMF has presented to the ILO a complaint against the Mexican government, indicating its violations to the ILO Agreement, Number 87.

ASIMRA is firmly decided to cooperate with SNTMMSRM in its fight to protect its union autonomy, and it is opposed to all type of the government interference in the union actions.

Metalworkers, unionists and people in general, consider that social and economic justice are not only words, it means an ideal that you must live and fight. Therefore, we ask you to make use of your influence before the Mexican Ministry of Work and the Mexican Government, insisting them to refund his position to our colleague Napoleón Gómez Urrutia, who has the democratic right to be an elected unionist by the SNTMMSRM. We asked the Mexican Government to permit the Mexican unionist to work inside of their structures and to decide what is more convenient for their members and the Mexican workers.

Respectfully yours,



Luis A. García Ortiz  
ASIMRA General Secretary and  
IMF Vice-President for Latin American  
& the Caribbean

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c: IMF  
c: ILO  
c: U.S. Congressional Hispanic Caucus