



São Paulo, february 11, 2021

**Mr.
Ricardo Cateb Cury
Honorary General Consul
Consulate General of Myanmar
SÃO PAULO – BRAZIL**

Mr. General Consul,

The undersigned international and Brazilian trade union organizations hereby express our **most complete rejection** to the terrifying **assault to the power by the military forces** in Myanmar and, at the same time, **inform** that our organizations are committed to doing everything in our capacities to prevent the success of **this coup**, ensure the release of all detainees and put an end to the violence and persecution of the people. The perpetrators of the coup must be isolated.

In line with the positions and demands from the **Council of Global Unions (CGU)** to the international institutions, we are calling on governments worldwide to stand together in support of the people in Myanmar to:

- Publicly condemn the coup d'état in Myanmar;
- Not recognise or appease the military;
- Request the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to keep the Myanmar seat vacant until the elected representatives can form a parliament and a government;
- Support the adoption of an urgent resolution of the UN Security Council, including sanctions for the coup leaders;
- Call for a special session of the UN Human Rights Council to review the situation in Myanmar; to call for the release of everyone arrested pursuant to the coup; and to mandate the Special Rapporteur on Myanmar to monitor and issue a special report on the human rights situation, including arrests, compliance with freedom of association, protection of protestors, respect for the right to peaceful assembly and protests and the right to opinion, expression and speech, including reliance on information technology platforms;
- Implement comprehensive economic sanctions to stop any and all revenue to the military;



- Immediately cease all military cooperation and arms trade with Myanmar;
- Expose and hold to account all lobby firms employed by Myanmar's military;
- Trace supply chains of military-run companies to ensure full application of economic sanctions;
- Support and assist all refugees from Myanmar's military persecution;
- Protect Myanmar's diplomatic staff in the country, including this consular representation;
- Ask your country's companies operating in or sourcing from Myanmar to provide support to workers where operations are curtailed and also support and protection to workers protesting the coup.

We stand in solidarity with Myanmar's workers and with the people of Myanmar and pay tribute to those brave workers taking action to reject the military takeover.

After 30 years of military dictatorship in Myanmar, we stand united with the people of Myanmar to ensure that the people's vote is respected and that all those who have been democratically elected can form a legitimate government.

We kindly request your support to assure that this message of solidarity from Brazilian workers and people, will reach the legitimate people's representatives, so that they know that they are not alone and will not be forgotten.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

CUT Brazil – Central Única dos Trabalhadores

UGT Brazil – União Geral dos Trabalhadores

TUCA – Trade Union Confederation of the Americas

BWI – Building and Wood Workers' International

EI – Education International

IndustriALL Global Union

PSI – Public Services International

UNI Global Union Americas