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## International Conference for Solidarity with the SME

The World Federation of Trade Unions, and other organizations of the energy sector, convoke to International Conference for Solidarity with the Mexican Electricians' Trade Union, will took place on March 11 – 12, 2010, in Mexico City.



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### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE SINDICATO MEXICANO DE ELECTRICISTAS -SME-**

Mexico City, March 11-12, 2010.

#### **CONVOCATION - INVITATION**

Dear partners:

The organizations below that subscribe the present Convocation - Invitation are pleasure to address to your outstanding organizations

that are so worthily represented, to subject for your consideration the following thing.

**FRONT THE POLITICS OF AGGRESSION  
AND EXTERMINATION TO THE  
MEXICAN ELECTRICIANS TRADE**

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UNION- SME - WE RESPOND WITH THE  
SOLIDARITY OF WORKING CLASS.

All of you are informed that the fatidic day of October 10, 2009, taking advantage that it was non working day, the Mexican government ordered to the military and police to assault the Luz y Fuerza del Centro Company (LFC) plants, for violently leave the 44 thousand of workers and, at the same time, it prepared the liquidation of the mentioned company; also, it ignored the joined institution, SME. With this dictatorial act not only are affected all of the workers and their respective families, but rather, it is also a serious attack to the dignity of the trade union movement of Mexico and of the world.

All of us know that the Mexican Electricians' Trade Union - SME - has liberated heroic fights against the privatization politics. The SME faced to Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Ernesto Zedillo and Vicente Fox' governments, who tried for all possible ways to privatize the electric power industry but they were not able due to the resistance and militancy of the SME. But the current Felipe Calderón's government, not being able to defeat the SME in the constitutional mark, he has appealed to dictatorial methods that all the international trade unions have always condemned.

The bad situation of the partners of the SME increases because, since October, 2009, they don't receive wages, in the Christmas their families have been very overwhelmed. And exist more preoccupation because on the next March 16, ends the validity of their Collective Contract, so, since then to ahead, the situation would become more dramatic.

The Mexican government is using the blackmail to force the workers to sign individual agreements to accept his liquidation with the purpose to official the liquidation of the company and of the trade union, that which is rejected by the great majority of the workers. The partners demand official dialogue and to negotiate between the

government and the representation of the union to find the solutions that benefit the workers and the respect of the validity of the union institution SME.

Dear partners: we are known that historically the glorious Mexican Electricians' Trade Union, SME, has an honorable consequently fight trajectory and it was always solidity during its 95 years of institutional life. Today is needed our solidarity. To all trade unionists that are united by the class and solidarity principles, we invoke to add this Convocation-Invitation for solidarity with our partners of the SME.

The objectives of this International Conference for Solidarity, to be carried out in Mexico will be:

- To impel the invigoration of the class solidarity, given moral forces of the international organizations to the partners of the SME.
- To demand the government of Mexico to dialogue officially with the representation of the SME to give satisfactory solution to the demands of the workers.
- To carry out a mobilization in front the embassies of Mexico by the workers of the sector of the electric energy, members of the TUI-energy, and solidarity organizations in their respective countries to demand the government of Mexico the reinstatement of the work positions to the discharged workers with full respect to their acquired labor rights.
- To carry out a wide campaign of economic solidarity to help out the fight resistance of the SME.

Given the difficult situation that the partners of the SME are passing, they are not able to pay the international delegations participants in this International Conference of Solidarity passages and demurrage during the days of the event, to be carried out in Mexico City.

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We wait for your answer, sincerely.

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SME's building, Insurgentes 98, Mexico City**

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VIVA EL SME!

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**¡Alive the international solidarity!**