**Mexican Section of the Trinational Coalition in Defense of Public Education Expresses its Solidarity with Black Lives Matter Uprisings**

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The unions, social movement organizations, teachers and students who make up the Mexican section of the Trinational Coalition in Defense of Public Education, with worry and indignation over the sickening police killing of the U.S. African-American citizen George Floyd in Minneapolis, write to you to demand respect for human rights and civil liberties for all U.S. citizens regardless of race, social background or religion. These rights have been fought for by the historic struggle of the people of the United States.

The killing of George Floyd breaks with all principles of civilized humanity. This is why thousands of citizens have taken to the streets to demand justice and punishment of those responsible for this crime. As a reaction to the killing of George Floyd, the massive mobilizations in hundreds of cities in the U.S. are showing the rage that is generated by a police and legal system that is openly despotic and racist, where life and human rights are respected based on the color of skin and the social background of people.

In the face of the health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic crisis, the authoritarian measures that violate human rights against your people far from contributing to resolve the pain of the U.S. society are exacerbating it.

We ask you to cease the repression of the youth of the United States. As we denounce police racism it is also necessary to take up the demands for safety nets, jobs and education, especially given the growing economic crisis. **The strengthening of the systems to provide health and wellbeing to all citizens is indispensable to achieving a future of social justice.**

Because of this, we stand in solidarity with the struggle of African-Americans, Afro-descendents and Latin Americans and all U.S. citizens who today have called for the eradication of a system based on structural violence.

We demand punishment for George Floyd’s killers and an end to the repression of protesters.

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