



FIRST MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION SECTOR OF THE AMERICAS

Mexico City, 20-21 April 2015

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From a strategic perspective, public unions are part of the theoretical and political debates over the direction of public administration. Our union strategy is strictly related to decent work, freedom of association and the quality of the public services it provides.

Indeed, trade union rights, quality public services, decent work and the fight against corruption are the backbones of the union agenda, from workplace up to macro-policies, in order to contribute in a broader sense, to social justice.

However, we also understand that new models of relationship between the State and society have arisen and highlighted the challenge of building greater participation, social control and government monitoring, aspects that cannot be oblivious to public unions. Our unions must strengthen policies concerning those issues.

The Central Administration Sector faces the challenge of thinking about governance with social justice as part of its plan of action, growth and social legitimacy. Due to the previously exposed, the undersigned resolve to:

1. Ratify the decision and its action plan, both politically and organically, at the Durban World Conference.
2. Also ratify the previous sectorial meetings held in Bogota, Panama, Mexico, Buenos Aires and Lima.
3. Found the Coordinating Group for the Americas of the Central Administration Sector; which shall be composed of two members from each subregion. Central America: FENASEP (Panama) and SUTGDF (Mexico). Andina: FENTASE (Peru) and UTRADEC (Colombia). Brazil: CSPB, CONDSEF and Conosur: Anef (Chile) and UPCN (Argentina). Caribbean: to be designated. US and Canada: to be designated. The group's first meeting will be held during the second half of this year. Its operation includes on-site and virtual meetings. As such, a virtual forum of the sector will be created.
4. According to the central themes of the action plan for the Americas: Prioritize actions in defense of decent work, freedom of association and the right to strike, associativism and

collective bargaining. In this context two trade union training activities will take place in Mexico and Argentina respectively.

Strengthen our influence in all fields and in all countries against corruption and privatization, and in defense of tax justice. Intensify actions against free trade agreements, State reforms carried out by the State itself, and the impact of these on labor and trade union rights. A continental meeting was held to address this problem. Lastly, express our opposition to the persecution of union leaders that is taking place in the continent.

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