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Sonia Alesso- General Secretary
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By Email: internacionales@ctera.org.ar

Dear Sonia and Roberto,

Re: International solidarity with the Confederation of Education Workers of the Argentine Republic (CTERA)

The Australian Education Union (AEU) stands in solidarity with the Confederación de Trabajadores de la Educación de la República Argentina (CTERA) in the face of the current Argentine national government's attack on the teaching workforce and the constitutional and legitimate right to strike.

We stand with you against the credible threats of violence against the teaching profession and the union from the Argentine government in retaliation for today's national strike over the refusal to convene the national teachers' Joint Commission (the 'Paritaria'). We support your legitimate demands for salary increases, an end to defunding public education and further privatisation, and rejection of current pension reforms.

The AEU also supports Education International's complaint it is filing with the International Labour Organization (ILO) regarding the Argentine government's violation of ILO Conventions 87 and 98 on freedom of association.

Quality public education is a fundamental human right and a public good, and the single most important factor in achieving quality education is investing more in teachers. We commend your commitment to defending teachers and public education against President Javier Milei and the Argentine government's attempts to silence unions and prevent strikes and demonstrations.

In solidarity and friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haythorpe", written in a cursive style.

Correna Haythorpe
AEU Federal President