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To the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Argentine Republic.

Copy to:

- H.E. the Minister of Education of the Argentine Republic.
- Mr. David Edwards, General Secretary of Education International (EI).

Subject: Statement of trade union solidarity with the Confederation of Education Workers of the Argentine Republic (CTERA)

We, the National Union of Education and Training Personnels (UNPEF) of Algeria, express our absolute solidarity and support for our sisters and brothers in the Confederation of Education Workers of the Argentine Republic (CTERA). We stand with them amidst the difficult circumstances they are facing and the credible threats of violence directed against the union and its officials—threats made in retaliation for the national strike organized by the union.

These threats represent nothing more than a desperate attempt to intimidate workers engaged in the struggle and to silence voices defending the rights of the workforce and the future of public education. We condemn, in the strongest possible terms, any attempt at intimidation or violence against trade unionists, and we affirm that the right to strike and to organize within a union is a guaranteed and inalienable right.

CTERA is organizing this national strike to protest the Argentine government's persistent refusal to convene the National Joint Teachers' Committee (*Paritaria*), a refusal that constitutes a flagrant violation of the legislation guaranteeing this right. This committee serves as the legitimate and essential forum for discussing salaries, working conditions, and all issues related to training and investment in education..

CTERA has called upon education sector workers across the country to organize a large-scale day of action—in collaboration with other labor unions, student organizations, and school communities—to defend public education and the rights of teachers, students, and retirees. We declare our full solidarity with this just struggle.

- Accordingly, we express our support for CTERA's legitimate demands, foremost among them:
- 1- Reactivating the National *Paritaria* Committee as an indispensable dialogue mechanism.
 - 2- Increasing salaries to offset the sharp decline in the purchasing power of education sector workers.
 - 3- Halting all government initiatives aimed at cutting public education funding and pushing it toward further privatization.
 - 4- Rejecting current pension system reforms and attacks targeting pension funds.

Education is a right, not a commodity, and the public school is a fundamental pillar of any free and just society. Attacks on public education and teachers are attacks on the future itself.

We reaffirm our unwavering solidarity with CTERA and with all those fighting for the education sector in Argentina. We stand with them in the face of threats and intimidation, affirming that the legitimate struggle of trade unions is invincible.

Solidarity is our weapon! Public education is worth defending!

President of the National Union of Education and Training Personnels (UNPEF)

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