

# ALTERNATIVA DEMOCRÁTICA SINDICAL DE LAS AMÉRICAS



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### **CORONAVÍRUS- COVID 19, PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH AND RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS**

Support and solidarity with the workers and peoples of the world.

Union Democratic Alternative of the Americas ADS, expresses its support and solidarity with all workers in the Americas and the world, at this time of health crisis due to the serious Pandemic of the Coronavirus-COVID 19, worldwide.

The political, economic and social impacts caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic are disastrous for humanity.

This crisis is exacerbated by the implementation of adjustment policies and backward reforms implemented by various governments, which weakened our health systems, social security, infrastructure, and undermined the rights of workers in the world.

In this sense, we demand that all governments and democratic institutions take all necessary and pertinent measures to protect workers and society in general at the global level.

The seriousness of the crisis demands the need for the implementation of social dialogue, and the imperative recognition by governments and employers of the importance, existence and role of unions in each country, and internationally, as legitimate representatives and interlocutors for collective bargaining, conflict mediation and guarantee of workers' rights.

We demand the suspension of reforms or Law decrees that increase unemployment, precarious work or violate rights.

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We consider that dialogue with trade unions and civil society is the best way for agreements and concerted solutions in these times of serious humanitarian crisis in the world.

That all decisions and actions of public and private policies must be at the service of society as a whole, in such a way that wages, rights, economic survival and food of all people are guaranteed without exception at national and global level .

Finally, we recommend that all workers and people in general adopt all health, hygiene and health protection measures, and follow the standards and decisions of the World Health Organization, Governments and Health Authorities. in each of the countries, in order to avoid as much as possible the spread of the Coronavirus in the population.

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