



International Trade Union Confederation

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ITUC General Council Resolution on the Right to Strike in Spain

Five years ago, the Spanish unions CCOO and UGT called a general strike against the neoliberal reforms being pursued by the Spanish government. Spanish workers are currently still suffering the impact of the economic crisis. More than 300 union representatives are facing criminal or administrative proceedings for their involvement in general, sectoral or enterprise-based industrial actions.

Today, some 20 people including five union leaders at Arcelor Mittal, the General Secretary of CCOO in Baleares and the General Secretary of UGT in Cantabria, have received sentences incurring substantial fines. Others, such as in the cases in Pontevedra and Granada, have been sentenced to several years in prison.

Likewise, the Spanish Courts confirmed the start of a trial of eight Airbus union representatives for their participation in pickets during the General Strike of 2010.

Therefore, the ITUC and the Spanish trade union confederations call on the international trade union movement to join the campaign of CCOO and UGT by sending resolutions, letters and emails asking that the charges be dropped against union defendants.
