



ETF and IDCE solidarity with dockworkers from Puerto Cortes, Honduras

European dockworkers from sixteen European countries represented by their organisations – the ETF and the IDCE, gathered in Lisbon on 5 March 2014, wish to express their strongest condemnation of the anti-union practices and methods carried out by ICTSI - OPC over the workers and their union in Puerto Cortes.

From Europe, we call ICTSI OPC to respect the following questions:

- The agreement reached with the Government on December 5, 2013, in particular Article 4 thereof
- The fact that all negotiations should be conducted with the unions
- Respect for the ILO conventions on the right of free association and expression
- That the union leader Victor Crespo can return safely to Honduras and his union work as union president, a post for which he was democratically elected .

European dockworkers represented by the ETF and IDCE, have been informed about the worrying situation facing workers in Puerto Cortés, and have agreed to carefully monitor the development of the conflict in Honduras and take all legal measures and other legal actions if necessary unless ICTSI - OPC does not show a real willingness to negotiate with the union. The struggle will not stop until ICTSI - OPC recognizes and respects all legal agreements and their work to reinstate dismissed our peers.

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