

International Call to Action:
Support the General Motors Colombia Hunger Strikers
Worldwide Protests on August 24th at GM sites, U.S. and Colombian Embassies

Thirteen members of ASOTRECOL, the Association of Injured and Ex-Workers of General Motors Colombia launched a hunger strike on Wednesday, August 1st outside the U.S. embassy to demand that GM justly compensate, provide medical care, and reintegrate over 200 workers that were fired after suffering work-related injuries, and recognize ASOTRECOL as a union. As proof of their commitment, the workers have sewn their mouths shut and plan to carry out the hunger strike to the death. August 24th marks the third week of the to-the-death hunger strike and 387 days of a tent occupation in front of the U.S. embassy in Bogotá.

ASOTRECOL's struggle reflects the failure of the 2011 Labor Action Plan to defend workers rights, a \$2 million program paid for by U.S. taxpayers and a condition of the Free-Trade Agreement between the United States and Colombia. By ignoring ASOTRECOL's demands for justice, General Motors, and the U.S. and Colombian government perpetuate the violent conditions that make Colombia the most dangerous country in the world for labor organizers. The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) documented 29 trade unionist murders, 10 attempted murders, and 342 death threats in 2011. Private security firms have harassed and surveilled ASOTRECOL.



On August 24th:
Detroit: GM Headquarters, 12pm
Washington D.C.: GM CEO's House
Bogotá: U.S. Embassy
São Paulo: Colombian Embassy
Hanover: Colombian Embassy

Endorsed By: Witness for Peace, São José Metal Workers Union, Brazil (Sindicato dos Metalurgicos de São José dos Campos e Região); International Automotive Workers Council (Internationaler Automobilarbeiterratschlag); South East Michigan Jobs for Justice; Washtenaw Community Action Team; Graduate Employees' Organization, AFT-Michigan, Local 3550; Lecturer Employees' Organization, AFT-Michigan, Local 6244; Michigan Emergency Committee Against War and Injustice; Moratorium Now!; U.S./Cuba Labor Exchange; Autoworkers Caravan; Organization for a Free Society

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