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Solidarity with the workers at GM - first protests against GM plans

Dear colleagues,

The coordinating group of the International Automotive Workers Coordination, which met in Gelsenkirchen (Germany) for its second meeting to prepare the 2nd International Automotive Workers Conference in South Africa in 2020, declares its protest against the plans GM has announced to shut down factories in the entire world and conduct layoffs.

They plan to shut down seven factories and lay off thousands of workers in the entire world. But the company is not in a crisis. On the contrary, it made 2.5 billion US-dollars in profits. Its favorable economic situation is based on a consistent reduction in the costs of labor. They are attacking the workers in order to strengthen themselves in the competitive struggle and to prepare for new technologies.

We declare our support for all GM workers in the various plants that have begun to take up militant action. The workers at GM in Canada (Ottawa) protested in front of the factory on 26 November. Today, on Thursday, December 6th, 2000 workers at GM Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil) gathered at the factory gates in protest against the announced layoffs. They are defending their rights and their jobs and demanding a statement from the company.

These are important signals for the joint struggle in all factories of the GM company against management plans which are destroying the livelihoods of thousands of families.

We do not agree with plant shutdowns and layoffs!

Struggle for each and every job!

For shortening working hours to a 30-hour workweek with full wage compensation and for the lowering of retirement age !

International solidarity is our common weapon against the attacks of the international monopolies.

We call up for declarations of solidarity with the workers and for the support of this struggle.

Carlos Luiz Prates Mancha (Brazil), Diego Rejon Bayo (Spain), Joern Kleffel (Germany)
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