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***To the CUTV and, through it, to the  
education trade unions on strike on 10  
June***

## **Solidarity with the struggles and strike of education workers in Venezuela on 10 June 2026**

Dear comrades, dear friends,

We are an education union in the Swiss canton of Vaud. Half of our members – over 2,500 people – are education workers. We are engaged in a struggle marked by massive strikes and mass demonstrations led by teachers. We are facing an attack on wages and working conditions, but also on trade union freedoms and the right to strike. Although we are in one of the richest countries in the world, our situation is difficult and struggle is the only way to defend our demands.

We have heard about the exemplary struggle taking place in the Venezuelan education sector. We fully understand the significance and substance of your demands; we recognise the extreme difficulty of your situation. We stand in full solidarity with your actions, and in particular with your national strike on Wednesday 10 June.

Often, in many struggles, it is proclaimed: “Whoever governs, rights must be defended.” This phrase sums up our position and, from what we understand of your reality and your actions, it also seems to express yours.

Your struggle, comrades, is exemplary and combines the defence of working and professional conditions with the fight for a public, free, critical and emancipatory school system.

We share your viewpoint, we agree, and even though we are geographically very far apart, your struggle moves us and embodies part of the general justice demanded by the workers’ movement across the world.

We will make our modest contribution to raising awareness of your campaign and informing teachers in our country about the struggles being waged elsewhere by education workers. In this regard, Venezuela is a remarkable example.

We send you our fraternal/sororal greetings, wish you every success in your movement, and will do our utmost to provide internationalist support for your cause.

On behalf of the SUD Federal Secretariat / SUD-Education sector,

Aristides Pedraza