

## **UM 14**

### **Urgent Motion from the National Union of Press Workers (SNTP) on the right to protest in Venezuela**

The World Congress of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), meeting in Angers, from 7 to 10 June 2016,

Whereas on Tuesday, June 7, after two weeks of protests, workers of the newspaper Ultimas Noticias, were expelled from their jobs in an arbitrary action of the employer;

Whereas the right to protest is enshrined in the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the international conventions of the ILO, signed by the State;

Whereas members of the National Union of Press Workers (SNTP), employees of the newspaper Ultimas Noticias, had been denied the right to collective agreement;

Whereas the employer's representative in the newspaper Últimas Noticias are hostile, with harassment situations directed towards their workers and attempts to restrict them from exercising their right of association and unionization;

Congress urges the Executive Committee to:

Stand in solidarity with employees of Ultimas Noticias, who are entitled to participate democratically in the definition of their working conditions;

Encourage administrative and judicial authorities in Venezuela to be guarantors of the rights of workers in that country;

To demand employers, both public and private in Venezuela, to meet national and legal rules governing workers' rights.