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Dear Honourable President Calderón :

Together, the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions (ICEM) and the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) represent 45 million industrial workers throughout the world. We write to express shock and bewilderment at the action taken by your government to liquidate the assets of the Central Light and Power Company of Mexico.

We specifically protest the effective shutting down by your government of the trade union, Mexican Electrical Workers' Union (SME), an action that directly counters international labour standards as set forth by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The attempted dismantling of this trade union, we understand, is retaliatory because the leadership of the union has opposed your anti-worker, anti-societal economic policies.

Your government's action is a breach of international norms and we call on you directly and promptly to reverse this decision, restoring the full independence and autonomy of the SME trade union.

Sincerely,

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