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CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH FRENCH SOCIAL MOVEMENT!

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you may know, since November 2018, social anger has spread and grown in France through the movement of Yellow vests. And despite the scorn of the Macron government, such as its policy of repression (police violences, mass arrests and condemnations of demonstrators), the mobilization goes on.

This legitimate anger of the Yellow Vests is the expression of the fact that the most precarious social classes of our society are sick and tired of this situation. The poorest and more precarious people are in revolt and no longer intend to lower their heads and continue to suffer misery.

The Union Syndicale Solidaires, since the beginning of the movement, supports this popular revolt, we obviously share for a long time the demands for more social justice. Many of our local structures are involved in assemblies and actions of Yellow vests (demonstrations, presence on the roundabouts, blocking of Industrial areas). Modestly, we proposed our union tool wherever it was possible and wished, in respect for the self-organization of the movement.

We are also fully aware of the attempts of the far right to recover or instrumentalise the movement of Yellow vests. This is why we have, till the beginning, called to join the mobilization on clear basis, anti-racists and in solidarity with the migrants. It is also one of the most important aim of our call to join the Yellow Vest demonstrations, so as not to leave the ground to the far right that we are fighting everywhere.

At the same time, we propose to other french unions to unite on strong protest bases and to build a general strike that can be renewed, in order to push the balance of power and to pull out wage increases and social rights. A strong and effective global connection between the Yellow vests movement and trade unions is, however, still to build or to strengthen where it has already started, in some locations in France. We know that only unity of action can make Macron and his world bend.

Tuesday, February 5, there will be a new important mobilization and strike day, called by the CGT, the CNT-SO and Solidaires; it's a call to a general strike. Assemblies of Yellow vests have already announced their participation. This is therefore a first and major step towards the indispensable convergence of struggles.

To give weight to our action on Tuesday, February 5, we call for international support and we propose in particular to the member organizations of the International Labor Network of Solidarity and Struggles to express their support if they wish so and to make, if possible, gatherings before the Consulates and embassies of France.

For international solidarity !