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## Solidarity messages to the teachers of Paraguay, who are to go on strike on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Secretary of **FISE** (WORLD FEDERATION OF TEACHERS' UNIONS) expresses its solidarity to the teachers of Paraguay, who are to go on strike on March 26<sup>th</sup>. In the country, where more than 1/3 of the population live below the poverty threshold, the government is about to start privatizations and partnerships of the public and the private sector, which may lead to the repossession of all the public services by private companies.

The teachers demand to put an end to the class-oriented policy of the privatizations; they demand 25% salary raise, as well as a reduction of the cost of living. In alliance with other social groups, that are beaten by the anti-popular policies, such as the university students, the poor farmers and the indigenous communities, the teachers steadily support the demands of poor farmers for agricultural reforms, as well as the students' struggle against the high public transport fees.

Last year, the teachers, going on strikes, hunger strikes and barricades, were claiming for weeks decent salaries and pensions, which, during that period, were 385 and 185 dollars per month.

We support your struggles.

The Secretary of FISE