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Most militant greetings of solidarity to all the workers of General Motors from Philippine Toyota Workers (Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation Workers Association – TMPCWA) and the Protest – Toyota Campaign (Support Groups for TMPCWA in Japan)!

What happened to the workers in General Motors is also happening in the workers in every country like in the Philippine. Worst than your situation, Philippine Government is always in the side of multinational and transnational corporations.

We believed the struggle of the workers in General Motors is also the struggle of the Philippine Toyota workers and the workers of the whole world. In our limited capacity, we can be able to unite our humble strength with you and fight with you to advance the workers cause.

More than ever your struggle is another huge contribution to the labor movement in the world and it is very important to unite all the workers and support the struggle of the workers of General Motors!

We will always share your struggle to all the workers in the Philippines and in Japan to oppose and expose the General Motors unjust and inhuman plan to axe workers that have been serving wholeheartedly in this company to create huge profits.

Let's join our hands and fight together!

Workers of the world unite!

In solidarity!

For the workers of Philippine Toyota and workers in Philippine as well as in Japan ,

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Philippine Toyota workers struggle.

The Philippine Toyota workers are fighting for the recognition in more than twelve years now. When the Labour Department ruled finally in favor of the union on March 16, 2001 after the TMPCWA won in the Certification of Election on 8th of March 2000, but the Capitalist Toyota illegally dismissed 233 Officers and members of the Union on the same day the Secretary of Labor and Employment issued the decision. The union had no choice but to defend the workers and stage the strike in March 28, 2001.

Because of the successful strike of the union, the Toyota Officials from Japan and other Japanese TNC's threatened the Philippine Government to pullout their investment in the Philippines if the government cannot stopped the strike of the Philippine Toyota workers.

The Secretary of Labor immediately assumed of Jurisdiction and issued the return to work order but gave an option to the Toyota Capitalist to choose who will accepted to return to work. The remaining 233 workers still left outside and continuously fighting with the union for almost four years now.

On January 28, 2004, the Supreme Court issued its final decision in favor with the union to start collective bargaining negotiation. The capitalist Toyota still refused to negotiate with the union. Even the recommendation of the Committee on Freedom of Association-ILO in favor with the union, the Philippine Government did not take any action to settle the dispute between the workers and the capitalist Toyota. The Capitalist Toyota did not respect any Law in both local and international.

This September 2004, TMPCWA is now joined the Zenzosen (Kanto Regional Council of the Japan All Shipbuilding and Engineering Union) in Japan by the help of Protest Toyota Campaign, to broaden the struggle of Philippine Toyota workers in the international level and to pressure the parent company of Toyota to take actions on the dispute and to help advancing the very long struggle of Philippine Toyota workers.