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The International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) stands in solidarity with the Peruvian people, especially thinking of the half million Domestic Workers who are among the people most affected by the social, political, and institutional crisis that the country is going through.

We, at IDWF, express our absolute rejection of the acts of repression, violence and rights' violations in recent days have left a balance of more than twenty deaths, hundreds of injuries and almost one hundred detainees in Peru, emphasizing that the majority are of protesters from the working class, indigenous people and peasants.

The protests began on December 9, when a large part of the Peruvian people took to the streets to support former president Pedro Castillo, ousted and sentenced to 18 months in pretrial detention, and to demand the resignation of the new president, Dina Boluarte, the dissolution of the Congress, early elections and a constitutional reform.

In response to the events, the president decreed a State of National Emergency and a curfew in fifteen provinces, on December 14. Furthermore, she mobilized the armed forces to complement the police work in containing the protests, which only intensified popular discontent and resulted in a bloody repression against the civilian population through the use of firearms and the launching of tear gas from helicopters. In the last few hours, the premises of social organizations and unions were as well raided by the police, who arrested several people for exercising the right to protest, including journalists who are critical of the current government for expressing their opinions against what is, without a doubt, one of the biggest violations of human rights in recent times in Latin America.

Domestic worker leaders in Peru affirm that the Government has begun a "hunt" for the union leaders who support the protests and who have participated in the popular marches in different parts of the country. **"They are criminalizing the right to public protest and we feel in danger, fearing for our lives and those of our families. We call on the international community to speak out in favor of our rights and to show solidarity with all the Peruvian people"**, said one leader of the sector.



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Faced with this situation, the IDWF unconditionally supports its affiliated organizations in Peru and joins them in an active call to the government to:

1. Cease the repressive and violent actions against the civilian population immediately.
2. Stop persecuting trade union organizations and leaders and social movements, journalists and other defenders of transparency, democracy, national pacification and the common good.
3. Respect for human rights and freedoms -both individual and collective- enshrined in national legislation and international instruments to which Peru subscribes.
4. Restore the fundamental rights of assembly, freedom of mobility, freedom of expression and protest urgently.
5. Ensure governmentality and promote institutional and political stability in accordance with the rule of law, providing the people of Peru with all the constitutional and international Human Rights instruments guarantees, which are essential to end the current unrest, achieve peace, and restore democracy.
6. Commit all political actors to ensuring the well-being, security and rights of the citizens they represent, through the awareness that it is the people who suffer the most from the impact of this crisis.
7. Guarantee the integrity and protection of Domestic Workers and their union leaders, who today, as usual, lead the battle for rights of all citizens, and, furthermore, are a demographic more exposed to violence, discrimination, abuse and breach of labor rights in times of conflict, resulting in the loss of livelihood and its implication for their families.

The IDWF also urges that international solidarity is extended to the people of Peru, especially to union leaders who are always at the forefront for the struggle for rights and freedom for all people.

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*The IDWF has 87 affiliated organizations from 67 countries, representing more than 670,000 domestic workers around the world.