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Mr. Juan Orlando Hernández
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Mr. President

We are writing on behalf of the 450,000 members of the National Education Union, the largest trade union of teaching and education professionals in the United Kingdom, to express our deep concern about the social crisis that has arisen in Honduras following the adoption of measures that violate the right of all citizens to a public education and health system.

The state is the guarantor of the right to education. Together with the international community, Honduras pledged to work towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal to ensure inclusive, equitable quality education for all. The privatisation and commercialisation of education currently underway will take Honduras further away from achieving the right to education for all children and is a threat to your education system itself with serious consequences for society.

Our organisation is also extremely concerned about the threats to civil society actors, including the leader of COLPROSUMAH, which is affiliated to Education International. It is unacceptable that the human and trade union rights of citizens continue to be violated and that murders are committed. The security and rights of trade union leader Roberto Trochez must be protected and the smear campaign against him must cease and be denounced publicly.

We are following the events in Honduras closely and will be raising our concerns with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office to ask them to take up this matter. We would urge you to take immediate steps to resolve this situation.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Kevin Courtney and Mary W. Bousted in black ink.

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