

BINATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Resolution to Pursue and Deepen the Campaign to Obtain Visas for the Farmworker Organizers in San Quintin, Baja California, Mexico

Whereas, under pressure from the Driscoll's Corporation, five leaders of the Alianza de Organizaciones and of the newly formed Sindicato Nacional Democrático de Jornaleros Agrícolas (SINDJA) in San Quintin, Baja California, Mexico, were denied visas to come to the Binational Conference Against NAFTA and Deportations in Carson, Calif., on December 2-3, 2017; and

Whereas, all five San Quintin union organizers had letters of invitation from the university department sponsoring the conference and from many of the unions and central AFL-CIO labor councils co-sponsoring the event; and

Whereas, Driscoll's -- which is based in California -- has been facing an international boycott of their products because of their refusal to recognize and sign a collective-bargaining agreement with SINDJA, the independent union supported overwhelmingly by the close to 80,000 farmworkers in the San Quintin valley; and

Whereas, these farmworkers and their families -- a large percentage of whom are indigenous people expelled from their lands in Oaxaca on account of NAFTA's destruction of Mexico's agricultural sector -- toil under near-slave-like conditions, with wages of \$7 a day and a lack of healthcare and sanitation for themselves and their families.

Therefore be it resolved, that the struggle to obtain visas to the U.S. for these San Quintin farmworker leaders must continue and deepen despite this setback.

Be it further resolved, that the Binational Conference participants urge all conference participants and supporters to get their unions and organizations to support the call for immediate action by the U.S. Consulate in Tijuana to provide the visas for these workers to travel to the United States so that they can tell their story directly to U.S. unionists and activists.