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To:

Members of the CLC Canadian Council

Re:

Quebec protests

Greetings,

Below is communication received from Michel Arsenault, President of the FTQ regarding rumours he has been made aware of that some national affiliates plan to organize potential illegal actions in Quebec in violation of Bill 78, to support the student protests.

He reminds me that under the protocol that exists between the FTQ and the CLC, matters in the province of Quebec are the jurisdiction of the FTQ. He requests that I uphold the protocol with respect to his Federation's jurisdiction.

I am reminding affiliates that a long-standing protocol between the CLC and the FTQ respects the jurisdiction of the FTQ in the province, and the jurisdiction of the CLC outside of Quebec. The CLC is the liaison with the FTQ and we have been in regular contact with them on the appropriate level of support by the CLC for the student protests. The situation is fluid of course, and it will be the decision of the FTQ to request external support actions of affiliates through the CLC. We will then communicate those requests to all affiliates.

I know that all affiliates and federations respect the jurisdiction of the FTQ in their province and hope that such rumours are simply rumours and not fact.

In solidarity,

Ken Georgetti President

Attachment

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