



Colombian Action Plan: Colombian Labor Unions

The Action Plan relating to labor and judicial reforms in Colombia announced by the Colombian and U.S. governments on April 6 has won the endorsement of two major Colombian labor unions — the General Labor Confederation (Confederación General del Trabajo) and the Union of Workers of the Apparel and Textile Industries of Colombia (Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Confección y de la Industria Textil de Colombia).

Colombia's National Labor School (known by its Spanish acronym ENS), the country's leading union-affiliated labor rights monitoring body, has also endorsed the Action Plan, calling it "the most important agenda for the labor movement."

The Union of Workers of the Apparel and Textile Industries of Colombia has not only endorsed the Action Plan but the U.S.-Colombia Trade Agreement as well.

In short, the AFL-CIO's principal objection to the trade agreement — that it is bad for Colombian workers — is being rejected by Colombian workers.