

Mr. Sebastián Piñera, President of Chile
Santiago
CHILE

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Your Excellency,

Popular protests in Chile

On behalf of the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO Norway), representing more than 930.000 workers, we are deeply concerned regarding the situation in Chile.

We have followed the heavy-handed response to the Chilean people's legitimate concerns. The popular protests are a direct result of the regressive policies of your government, which have deepened inequality and massively undermined vital public services, including health and education.

Trade unions in Chile have laid out ten demands to the government, including calls for minimum living wages and pensions, effective protections of people's fundamental rights at work, and a reduction of the working week to a maximum of 40 hours. LO Norway strongly support these demands of the trade unions in Chile.

We believe that the level of inequality must be addressed by yourself and can only be overcome through giving the people decent living wages and rights at work such as rights to organize, collective bargaining and rights to strike. This can only be achieved through a proper social dialogue.

Mr. President, we urge you to stop the violence and cancel the attacks on people standing up against authority and enter into proper social dialogue with trade unions in Chile regarding the ten demands.

Yours sincerely
LO NORWAY



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President

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