

Dear Comrades and Friends,

We are happy to inform you that the Free Trade Zones Workers Union (FTZWU) and Jaqalanka Ltd have reached an agreement to the long running dispute at the Jaqalanka factory in Sri Lanka, with the intervention of the Fair Labor Association (FLA), Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA) and with the assistance of ALL of YOU. The copy of the typed agreement, the Memorandum of Settlement and the Press Release from Center for Policy Alternatives are attached below for your information.

Essentially this agreement means that most of the union's demands have been met and Jaqalanka has agreed to recognize the FTZWU as the representative of the workers and will refrain from any victimization or harassment of union members.

The FTZWU has agreed to cease its International Campaign and suspend complaints lodged with the ILO. This situation will be reassessed after 6 months and the progress made in implementing the agreement will be reviewed.

This is a significant and substantial victory for the brave union members of Jaqalanka, the FTZWU generally and the workers of Sri Lanka. We thank EVERYONE for their interest in and support of this campaign. Your solidarity support and actions helped make this happen.

The agreement requires that all campaigning ceases. Therefore, we request you to stop further action.

With lots of Solidarity and Strength from us all,

Anton Marcus

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