

UPTE Resolution on Solidarity with Workers, Indigenous and Labor Unions in Ecuador

Preface:

Ecuador's presidential candidate, Yaku Pérez, recently requested [a military takeover and nullification](#) of the first round of Ecuador's presidential election. The elections were held on February 7th; Pérez placed third. A left-wing candidate, Andrés Arauz, won first place. [Jacobin](#) called Arauz's victory a "total repudiation of Lenín Moreno's neoliberal agenda."

But it does not seem Pérez is willing to let free and fair elections take place. In a recent [Facebook post](#) dated March 9th, 2021, Pérez said, "the soldiers from the Armed Forces should intervene in the polls to give clarity to the elections and thus avoid the return of Correísmo."

Many liberal [commentators](#) and [academics](#) (mistakenly) declared Perez "the new face of Ecuador's left." This should serve as a warning to those of us who support Indigenous, eoc-socialist, and LGBTQ+ communities. It is easy for capitalists and imperial powers to mimic our rhetoric and win over our support. They are more than happy to wrap themselves in a rainbow flag while keeping fair pay and a decent life unreachable for the very people we are trying to support.

Whereas, in response to a dramatic economic collapse due to neoliberal policies, 2019 saw an anti-IMF uprising in Ecuador from major labor and indigenous organizations.

Whereas, major coalitions of labor and indigenous movements including the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador ([CONAIE](#)) have endorsed presidential candidate Andres Arauz.

Whereas, right wing forces are attempting to disqualify the popular front runner candidate, Andres Arauz and thus compromise democracy in Ecuador.

Therefore, let it be resolved that UPTE CWA 9119 stands in solidarity with our sibling workers in Ecuador who have mobilized against neoliberal and imperialistic forces and are demanding that presidential candidate Andres Arauz run, and that the electoral results be respected.

Be it further resolved that UPTE CWA 9119 calls on our international and our broader family in the workers movement to do likewise.