



National Office
205 Placer Court
Toronto, Ontario M2H 3H9

UNIFOR
theUnion | le syndicat

Bureau national
205 Placer Court
Toronto (Ontario) M2H 3H9

Jerry Dias
National President
Président national

Renaud Gagné
Quebec Director
Directeur québécois

Robert J. Orr
National Secretary-Treasurer
Secrétaire-trésorier national

January 31, 2018

Canadian Labour Congress
2841 Riverside Dr
Ottawa, ON K1V 8X7

Via [Email: hyussuff@clc-ctc.ca](mailto:hyussuff@clc-ctc.ca)

Dear Brother Yussuff:

Over the course of the last week several union leaders have reached out to Unifor in an attempt to bridge the divide that has led to Unifor ceasing its affiliation to the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC).

Most helpful, have been those who recognize that there are fundamental flaws in the Constitution of the CLC, with regard to the application of the Constitution versus what it actually says.

Specifically, as you are well aware, Unifor has raised concern with articles 4, 26, and the provisions related to mandatory affiliation to federations and labour councils.

I will not go over again what those concerns are in this letter. However, I did want to seize this moment as both the Executive Committee and the Canadian Council meet in the coming week.

Brother Smokey Thomas from OPSEU has been very helpful in trying to bridge the divide, and I would like to express Unifor's support for the Constitutional Review Committee that he suggests, may be able to assist us in finding a path forward.

There are clearly many issues in front of us, but finding solutions to complex issues is what we do best in the Canadian labour movement.

I would urge both yourself and CLC affiliates to approach the meetings this coming week with that in mind. The dismissal of Unifor and our public positions will only widen the gap between us and our movement.

Let us not miss this opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

JERRY DIAS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
JD/CMD/wwcope343