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To: Members of the CLC Canadian Council

Sisters and Brothers:

As I had indicated in a previous communication, since February 1st, my office has been working on the most complex Article 4 file we have had during my term as President. It is rare I communicate to our affiliates regarding files of this nature. However, given the public way in which this has unfolded, the accusations and assumptions which have been made, I feel there is no alternative but to clear the air and provide you with a copy of the report that has been filed today with my office by Barry Thorsteinson, CLC investigator/mediator and former member of CUPE.

I will note the report stops short of a full investigation because the request for Justification was withdrawn by the resigning local President, but nonetheless this report is important. Contrary to the assertions of the ATU, the investigation did cease when the applicant resigned and withdrew the request.

The report sheds light on many of the public allegations and reiterates the notion that there is always more than one side to a story. As you can imagine, I have been extremely frustrated by the public nature in which the ATU and others have chosen to attack the CLC and my handling of this file. This report and its content is the precise reason we have investigators determine the validity of justification cases. I want to assure you that issues relating to the actions of affiliate(s) in this report will be addressed in accordance with the CLC Constitution.

With all of the above said, one thing is certain, the leadership of this movement needs to come together to address the issues with Article 4. Over the next few days, I will work to find a time to bring together the Executive Committee to discuss potential amendments to the Article 4 protocol. My hope is that we can work toward recommendations to bring before our Canadian Council and our Convention.

Thank you for your patience and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Convention.

In solidarity,

Hassan Yussuff
President

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