

Draft motion: **Defend UBS Workers – Defend Alberto Durango**

This branch is appalled at increasing attacks on trade union organisation amongst the cleaners in the City of London.

At the United Bank of Switzerland which made profits of over \$14, billion they have hired a notorious anti-union firm to ensure they pay even less to their cleaners. Ignoring the protection afforded by TUPE. The company Lancaster have imposed cuts in jobs, hours and wages of these low paid workers.

Within days of taking over at UBS, Lancaster sacked Alberto Durango a UNITE shop steward and leader of the Latin American Workers Association on Thursday 4 February. Alberto was a leading activist in Justice for Cleaners campaign for the living wage and was sacked on a previous occasion for his trade union activities – clearly Lancaster is operating a policy of black listing effective trade unionists. This premeditated act of victimisation is part of their efforts to break the union at UBS.

A campaign in defence of the UBS workers has been launched and has gathered wide ranging support across the labour movement.

This branch agrees to support the campaign and support forthcoming events. The meeting agrees to donate £___ to assist the legal costs to challenge this victimisation by UBS and Lancaster.