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Press release from the Coalition de résistance pour l'unité étudiante syndicale

February 21, 2023 - Meeting in Quebec City on February 18 and 19, some thirty student associations from CEGEPs and universities in various regions, representing more than 100,000 students, voted to found the “Coalition de résistance pour l'unité étudiante syndicale” (CRUES).

The CRUES is a combative union that fights for free and accessible education, a wage for all internships, the improvement of the condition of students and the democratic management of educational institutions, as well as for the achievement of profound social change. Faced with the ecological crisis and the inequalities caused by the capitalist system, the delegations present positioned themselves in favour of the democratic management of the economy, in defense of public services and for a just ecological transition. They also committed themselves to leading a resolutely feminist, anti-racist, internationalist struggle, in solidarity with Indigenous peoples and nations and inclusive of the needs and capacities of all.

Emotions ran high during this weekend of intensive debates, which took place in the same room where the “Association pour la solidarité syndicale étudiante” (ASSÉ) was dissolved in April 2019. After four years without a broad association based on combative unionism, a new generation of the student movement is picking up the torch.

The CRUES looks forward to the upcoming affiliation campaigns in local student associations and invites all student associations that adhere to its principles to join. Let us join forces to build a strong and united student movement!

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