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Dear Comrades,

We would like to draw to your attention the following resolution which was adopted by our recent World Congress conference:

"This conference dcondemns the PC statement of the SWP which approves the expulsion of the Simon Bolivar Brigade We recognize that the Brigade was in initiative of the Columbian PST, an organisation which adheres to the FI and to the Bolshevik Faction of the FI.

We also recognise that this initiative was not an initiative of the FI, not sanctioned by any of its leading bodies. (This is not to say that articles favourable to the Brigade did not appear in the press of the sections of the FI, not in the Bolshevik Faction: Rouge and Socialist Challenge, for example).

We have serious reservations about this initiative and think it important to collaborate with comrades of the Columbian PST in making a balance sheet of it. Tactical questions apart, we assert that it is unacceptable for a Trotskyist organisation (ie. the SWP) to welcome the expulsion of working class militants from any country by a bourgeois government

The fact that these militants were Trotskyists, adherants of the same international organisation is another aspect, and a new precedent in the history of our movement This conference therefore sends a message to the SWP PC informing them of our positions and forwards this resolution to the International"

The voting on the above resolution was 25, delegates for, 20 delegates against, 22 abstentions and 2 no votes Consultative delegates (from our Central Committee and Control Commission) cast their votes in the following way: 8 votes for, 18 votes against, 10 abstentions and one no vote. Revolutionary greetings, *Andie Wilson* Nat. Sec.

International Marxist Group, British section of the Fourth International.