

## Chunghwa Telecom Workers' Union

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## <u>Statement</u>

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## Dear Coca-Cola:

Chunghwa Telecom Workers' Union is affiliated with Chunghwa Telecom, and has the membership of 27,000. The mission of CTWU is fighting for the labor's right. During the privatization process of Chunhwa Telecom, CTWU consistently requested the equal and preferential working conditions for the labors and won the victory. Based on the news released by International Labor Rights Fund, Coca-Cola bottling plant managers suppressed the worker's organizing efforts with violence, and it caused one union leader being murdered. Also, another Coca-Cola bottling facility in Turkey unleashed about 1000 Turkish riot police to suppress the workers, about 90 people, including women and children, were hospitalized after they were brutally beaten.

CTWU is the royal member of the multination-union network, we urge Coca-Cola to recognize and stop this inhumane violence.

The mobilization has already begun for Coca-Cola's Annual Shareholders' meeting for the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in Wilmington ,DC, to condemn these outrages. Coca-Cola's products are sold internationally and have significant market share in Taiwan. From the customers' standpoint, CTWU proclaims relevant responses regarding this inhumane violence from Coca-Cola. If there is no positive resolution, CTWU and other unions will ally together against Coca-Cola through more upcoming protests.

Sincerely,

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