



After Gustavo Petro's proposal, the **Ecopetrol** union will officially ask to be part of the company's Board of Directors

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USO union

Ecopetrol and the **Workers' Union of the Oil Industry, USE**, Negotiations began on the list of demands filed by the workers' representatives. Among them is a **board position** for employees, which received the approval of the president **Gustavo Petro**.

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For the union it is an auspicious opportunity because it coincides with the anniversary of the first 100 years of the union, in the midst of the change of leadership and during the **government of President Petro** with which they have several coincidences, including that the oil company be the one to lead the energy transition.

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Another coincidence is that the workers' representatives have a **position on the Board of Directors of **Ecopetrol****. If agreed, they expect the new decision-making position to be enabled as of January 2024.

"**Ecopetrol** was founded by the insurrection of the oil workers of Barrancabermeja on April 9, 1948. This company is owed to them. I do not understand why, being a presidential order, **Ecopetrol** workers are not part of its board of directors," the

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president wrote on his social networks on Sunday, April 10.

President of the Barrancabermeja Refinery Sub-Directorate of the USO Workers' Union. "Never has a president recognized the oil workers of 1948 as the architects of the creation of **Ecopetrol**. Gustavo Petro begins the negotiation between the USO and **Ecopetrol** SA tomorrow, we ask to be members of the Board of Directors," he said. **Daniel Sosa**, president of the **Barrancabermeja Refinery Sub-directorate of the USO Workers' Union**.

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As part of the negotiation, the state oil company withdrew the complaint from the **Collective Labor Agreement** that he presented in December 2022, before the **Ministry of Labor**. This with the aim of defining a new one through negotiation that updates the document with common purposes.

According to the USO, there are 18,000 direct employees and 10,000 outsourced contractors who are part of **Ecopetrol**. **Cesar Eduardo Loza** president of the union, pointed out that the list of demands has several objectives both to reaffirm the importance of the company and to improve the conditions of workers.

They ask that salary mobility, item adjustments, contracts with indefinite and direct terms for missionary activities be maintained. They seek to invest in social projects of

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President Petro's interest in the company's decisions to go beyond teaching about his history of union origin. According to **Daniel Coronell**, The president had a clash of positions with the Minister of Finance, José Antonio Ocampo, because he would not agree, as he expressed it through Twitter, with the formation of the Board of Directors.

According to the information, the president wanted **Edwin Palma** current Vice Minister of Labor and former worker of **Ecopetrol** and member of the USO, was part of the Board, but it was not achieved by the statutes of conformation of the plates for the election of the shareholders' meeting.

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