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### **Neighbours of Gualeguaychú marched against Botnia**

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A week away from the start of the final hearings at the International Court of Justice of The Hague on the trial between Argentina and Uruguay on the conflict over the Botnia pulp mill, the Gualeguaychú assembly members marched yesterday towards the General San Martin International Bridge, that links that city in Entre Rios, Argentina with the Uruguayan city of Fray Bentos, in repulse of the Botnia pulp mill.

In the declaration read at that place, the Assembly warned that “whatever the ruling we will continue fighting to impede dirtied and polluted industries from bringing their waste and garbage here”.

This is because the international court case that Argentina initiated at the International Court, and in which it accuses Uruguay of the alleged breach of the Treaty of the River Uruguay signed by both countries in 1975 will enter into its final stage. In one week, the international court will start with the last round of hearings, while between 14<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October the representatives of both countries will make their final presentations before the judges, which are expected to pronounce a sentence the coming year 2010. During the multitudinous protest march, the Assembly requested the judges of the International Court that they “do not prioritise the profitability of multinational corporations over the healthy and dignified life of entire communities”.