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ITUC-Africa condemns violence at Lonmin

The African Regional Organization of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) wishes to express its deep concern over the events of the past few days in South Africa's Lonmin Marikana platinum mine. The killings which led to the death of over 30 persons are indeed disturbing.

We condemn the violent turnout of the dispute and the attendant deaths of workers, police officers and community residents. This incidence was avoidable and should not have happened.

ITUC-Africa welcomes the resolve of the South African Government to set-up a Presidential Commission of Enquiry to get to the root and remote causes of the crisis with a view to effectively resolve the problems and prevent a reoccurrence. We appeal to all parties involved in the present crisis to endeavor to work towards peaceful and lasting resolution.

ITUC-Africa extends its deepest condolences to the families and friends of all those who lost their lives in the crisis. We sympathize with all working people in South Africa during this period of national mourning.

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