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**Police Commissioner-General  
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Dear Sir,

**PROTEST AGAINST INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT OF ZIMBABWEAN WORKERS ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

March 8 is the International Women's Day dedicated to highlighting issues affecting women in relation to equality and justice. However, we note with sadness that while women and workers in various parts of the world commemorated this event in different ways in full freedom, Zimbabwean women and workers were prevented from doing so in the manner they had planned to organize and mark it.

The women had planned to march. To this effect, they had obtained a permit from the court. But unfortunately, they were stopped by the Police from enjoying the provisions accorded by the court to the effect that they could go ahead with their planned march.

It is reported that in Bulawayo 16 women and trade union activists were arrested, briefly detained at the Bulawayo Central Police station and later released after legal representation were made on their behalf by a ZCTU paralegal team.

ITUC-Africa condemns the tactic of harassing and intimidating workers and trade unionists. We ask that these acts that are aimed at denying the rights of workers and citizens to enjoy rights that are constitutionally guaranteed should be stopped forthwith.

We further demand that those who were responsible for the violation of women and workers' right to celebrate the International Women's Day be made accountable for their action. We reject impunity and ask for justice.

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary**