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Dear Brother Atwoli,

RE: COSATU Solidarity with the Doctors Striking in Kenya Over Pay Conditions

The Congress of South African Trade Unions stands in solidarity with the striking Doctors, COTU and the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union in Kenya.

The plight of public health care workers particularly Doctors is deepening and fast moving to crisis mode. Their struggle is forever reduced to being an essential service without the perks that should come with it being "essential". It is a disgrace to learn of the arrest of these Doctors, this is of great concern over heavy handedness of the government to respond in this way, we are however pleased to learn of their release.

We understand that the struggles faced by your Doctors in Kenya is not unique to Kenya, the South African Doctors are facing similar problems.

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The struggle against poverty wages is a struggle of noble course. The struggle for a living wage is a struggle for everyone and it cannot be business as usual when the cost of living continues to rise but wages remain stagnant. We need change and improvement therefore; the course these Drs are fighting for is a course well worth it.

COSA TU extends its solidarity wishing for a breakthrough for these doctors and all other workers who continue to be the working poor. We are at your disposal should you require any solidarity action on our part in support of the demands of these doctors.

Kind Regards,



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