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ITUC-AFRICA CONDOLENCE AND SOLIDARITY MESSAGE FOLLOWING THE RECENT CAR BOMB ATTACK FOLLOWED BY GUNFIRE IN SOMALIA

The African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Somalia.

It is with shock and dismay that we heard the news about the car bomb attack followed by gunfire who occurred on Friday July 12th at the As-Asey Hotel in the port city of Kismayo killing at least 26 people, including two members of the Somali Union of Journalists and a number of workers, with 56 others injured. This attack occurred just a few weeks after the attack at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of Somalia on 23 March 2019 which caused the death of at least 11 persons with many others injured.

ITUC-Africa expresses its sympathy and condolences to the people of Somalia and the families of all the victims of this attack and wish all the injured people a speedy and complete recovery.

Terrorism is becoming the main threat to peace and security across the world and particularly in Africa. A number of African countries such as Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria and Somalia have experienced high levels of terrorism and violent attacks with severe human, material and economic damage.

The upsurge of violence in many African countries can be explained by factors such as political instability, corruption, weak democratic governance, weak implementation of the rule of law, poor internal security, high rates of unemployment, poverty, economic crises, food insecurity and hunger, etc.

Although many countries are gradually recognizing the need to prioritize negotiation and discussion beyond the military option while dealing with the threat of terrorism in the region, we call on all African government to intensify their efforts to address the so-called push factors, especially in communities where socio-economic challenges enable recruitment into terror groups.

While addressing our solidarity to our brothers and sisters in Somalia, we call on our African governments to initiate concrete actions and sustainable measures through the African Union Security Council to protect our people and eradicate the scourge of terrorism in all its forms in our continent.

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