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To all affiliated organisations
To all Global Union Federations and TUAC
To all Women's Committee Members

For information:

To all General Council Members
To all Youth Committee Members

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November 2011)
- Special focus on the Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear colleagues,

Following on from October's circular N° 38 and to support the mobilisation efforts for the elimination of violence against women, we are sending you the following information:

The ITUC and ICEM study on violence against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo is available by clicking on the following link: <http://www.ituc-csi.org/violence-against-women-in-eastern.html>

We kindly ask you to make reference to this study and to the violence experienced by the women of this region in your national activities. The proposed slogan for international solidarity is: **“Stop violence and impunity: Justice for the women of the DRC!”** We would also like to inform you that presidential elections will take place in the DRC on 28 November which should attract the media's attention to the country.

Furthermore, the UN Women's campaign “SAY NO – UNiTE to end violence” actively supported by the ITUC (see <http://www.saynotoviolence.org/user/210>) is recording all the initiatives which will take place on 25 November on its internet page. We would kindly ask you to register your activities on the UN Women's website by clicking on: www.saynotoviolence.org

Finally, we would like to remind you that the white ribbon is the symbol of hope for a world free from violence against women and girls.

We are counting on your solidarity,

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary