Model Letter to UN Resident Coordinator

**Name Surname
UN Resident Coordinator**

**Date:**

Dear [NAME SURNAME},

We write to share with you the global trade union campaign “[*Time for 8*](https://timefor8.org/) “, urging the UN to act on the offered recommendations for policy responses to the social and economic crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Trade unions have been contributing to the implementation of the SDGs at national, regional and global level since their adoption in 2015. We believe that today, in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic recovery, the SDGs are more relevant than ever, showing the path towards resilient and just societies.

The support role of the UN in this is fundamental, and trade unions are willing to engage with the UN system in [COUNTRY], rebuilding the foundations for fair and inclusive economic development.

The current crisis shows the centrality of the four pillars of the Decent Work Agenda (job creation, rights at work, social protection and social dialogue) to rebuild our economy, workplaces and society in a sustainable manner that will enable us to cope effectively with future crises and deliver adequate living and working conditions for all.

Moving towards universal social protection will be of paramount importance to ensure that workers’ lives, jobs and livelihoods are not compromised. Social protection systems and floors provide free access to healthcare for all and guaranteed paid sick-leave and income support to the most vulnerable, including informal economy workers.

Supporting the real economy, jobs, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises is also necessary to face the economic and social consequences of the crisis, as MSMEs are the backbone of the economy.

Taking climate change into account will deliver the most efficient and resilient response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and it should be a fundamental condition for business to respect, together with workers’ rights and due diligence.

The devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic calls for targeted responses implemented with social partners (workers’ and employers’ organisations). The United Nations Secretary General’s report on the responses to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 acknowledges “the importance of social dialogue and social partners in the control of the virus at the workplace and beyond, but also to avoid massive job losses in the short and medium term.” Recovery measures will only be solid and durable if they are built on their engagement, as social dialogue goes a long way in rebuilding trust in crafting equitable policies.

The SDGs, and in particular SDG 8, are the most wide-ranging response measure, as they contain targets on social inclusion, decent work, inclusive growth, equitable distribution of wealth and environmental preservation.

We call on the UN system in [COUNTRY] to put in place SDGs support strategies that can respond to these key priorities.

Finally, [ORGANISATION] is ready to engage in a dialogue with you, to contribute to sustainable responses accelerating the implementation of the SDGS in [COUNTRY], in the framework of the UN Development Cooperation Framework.

It’s #Timefor8

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