



International Trade Union Confederation

## **COP21 HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**

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To the French Presidency: to all nations, we have a clear message. With your leadership people and climate can win.

But we can only win what will by necessity be the largest and most rapid systems change in human history with ambition.

Vulnerable nations are asking you for a target of 1.5 for their very survival.

Responsible business and investors are asking for certainty with a zero carbon target to be landed by 2050 to unleash the trillions necessary to make it happen.

We all need ambition to be raised with a review of INDC's by 2020 and a review mechanism with 5 year cycles.

And developing economies need the solidarity and trust of the promised financial commitment of \$100 billion with a commitment to adaptation support and some certainty beyond 2020.

Workers and their unions know that all of this requires a massive industrial transformation and we ask for the commitment to a just transition - the dialogue to make this transition with a commitment to human rights and decent worked as an operational commitment.

With civil society we support all of the above and ask that you accept that this is not just an environmental agreement but a future that cannot be achieved without people.

People are on the frontlines of the devastation of climate change If the purpose of the agreement is not ultimately to protect people and ecosystems it is hard to understand why a commitment to 2 degrees or less matters?

Your people are behind you - stand with us - be bold and set our common future on a just and sustainable track.

**There are no jobs on a dead planet.**