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**Call for release of ITUC Africa General Secretary Kwasi Adu Amankwah**

Your Excellency,

Today we were informed that ITUC Africa General Secretary Kwasi Adu Amankwah was detained at Harare International Airport.

The ITUC General Secretary Kwasi Adu Amankwah has travelled to Zimbabwe to show solidarity with the Zimbabwean Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) and Zimbabwean workers. The ZCTU leadership Japhet Moyo and Peter Mutasa still face charges for exercising their right to strike calling for a peaceful three day stay away action from 14 to 16 January 2019.

The ITUC has been calling on the government to drop the charges against the trade union leaders, an independent judicial inquiry into the excessive violence used against protesters and the start of national social dialogue to find a peaceful and constructive way out of the economic crisis with full respect for human and labour rights. To this aim, Kwasi Adu Amankwah was scheduled to meet with the ZCTU leadership and the Zimbabwean Ministry of Labour.

It is regrettable to see that once again our efforts to engage in dialogue with the government are faced with obstruction and repression. We, request your urgent intervention to help ensure that the government allows our Regional General Secretary into the country to continue his planned mission and meet with workers in Zimbabwe and the ZCTU to demonstrate our global solidarity as well as with the Ministry of Labour to discussions towards a peaceful solution out of the current crisis.

Yours sincerely,



Sharan Burrow,  
General Secretary