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**Solidarity Message to Trade Union Affiliates in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe**

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Dear Colleagues,

The member organisations of the Council of Global Unions, meeting in Geneva, express their deepest condolences to all the people who have been affected by the appalling loss of life caused by Cyclone Idai, and convey their full solidarity with all those who have been injured and lost their dwellings and livelihoods. We are calling on our trade union members to give generously to relief efforts, and on the international community to rise to the challenge of recovery and rebuilding the great many communities which have been devastated. We pay tribute to the first responders and emergency workers who are always in the frontline of such disasters and to the brave individuals who have risked their lives to save the lives of others.

Cyclone Idai was one of the worst extreme weather events ever to hit the Southern Hemisphere, and we re-double our commitment to the fight against climate change, which was certainly a major factor in the genesis of this catastrophe.

We pledge to stand by our member organisations as the immediate and urgent work to tackle the physical and psychological health consequences of the cyclone takes place, and in the enormous tasks of rebuilding infrastructure and regenerating economies to ensure decent work.

In solidarity,

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