

25th November 2015: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

On the United Nation's Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) deplores the spread of violence across the globe.

The ITUC and its affiliates remain steadfast in our commitment to a world in which peace, democracy and social justice, with gender equality at the heart, remain the overriding values.

The ITUC salutes all women, men and their trade unions who continue the struggle for women's rights, gender equality and dignity at work for all.

We acknowledge the millions of women, displaced from their homes and families through conflict or poverty, land grabs or climate events.

We stand in solidarity with the millions of domestic workers organising against the tyranny of those employers who see them as no more than property, and organising against the physical and sexual violence that takes place behind closed doors.

We join with the millions of women working in tea and flower farms; in export processing or free trade zones and throughout global supply chains; in the hotel industry; in the informal economy – who refuse to accept that violence is part of the job.

The ITUC pays tribute to the millions of women and men working in public services who are in the front line of dealing with consequences of violence against women – from workers in health and social services, to workers in shelters and refuges, to workers in the police and justice systems.

We stand united with women workers worldwide, organising to demand their right to equal treatment, to fair and decent conditions of work, to decent wages and a safe work environment.

The ITUC welcomes the decision of the International Labour Organization to work towards an international labour standard to address gender-based violence in the world of work.

It's time to end violence against women.