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To: *Sharan Burrow, ITUC General Secretary*

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Joint Statement of the Council of Trade Unions of Baltic states in Solidarity with Ukraine

In this joint statement, the Council of Trade Unions of Baltic states – the Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation (LPSK), the Lithuanian Trade Union „Solidarumas“, the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia (LBAS) and the Estonian Trade Union Confederation (EAKL) – expresses full solidarity with Ukraine and its workers.

We condemn the brutal and criminal actions of the Russian and Belarusian regimes against democratic Ukraine and its citizens.

Our organizations stress that the world is witnessing a drastic violation of international law. The unjustified invasion of Russia and Belarus to Ukraine puts not only regional but also global stability at risk. It demanded too many lives and caused too much human suffering already.

Such brutality, devastation and political cynicism have no place in the XXIst century. We invite the international community to stand firmly by democratic Ukraine and be the voice of Ukrainians on different levels advocating their cause.

The Council of Trade Unions of Baltic states demands Russia and Belarus to cease this outrageous attack, withdraw all forces and military equipment and respect international law.

The Baltic trade union confederations condemn the [statement](#) issued by Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (rus. Федерация Независимы Профсоюзов России) that supported the war in Ukraine initiated by the Russian authorities. This is unacceptable and it is our duty to condemn such statement unanimously. We invite the ITUC and the ETUC without delay to evaluate this statement and its compliance with the principles of democratic trade union movement.

Also, we remind all people of goodwill that concrete actions matter the most. Due to that we call everybody to donate to various organizations that are helping the people of Ukraine and contribute in all other ways possible.

This war is not only raised against Ukraine. It is threatening all that we, trade unions, represent and believe in.

Sincerely,

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Kristina Krupavičienė, President of the Lithuanian Trade Union „Solidarumas“

Egils Baldzēns, President of the Free Trade Union Confederation of Latvia

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