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Haiti: ITUC Humanitarian Appeal

Brussels, 13 January 2010 (ITUC OnLine): The ITUC has today launched a trade union appeal for earthquake-stricken Haiti, in cooperation with its regional organisation for the Americas, TUCA. Funds raised under the appeal will in the first instance be used to provide humanitarian assistance via the ITUC affiliates in the Dominican Republic, CASC, CNTD and CNUS. The three Dominican Republic organisations have opened up their local trade union offices to collect funds and essential items, which are being trucked across the border into Haiti, in cooperation with the ITUC's Haitian affiliate the CTH.

Funds for the appeal may be transferred to the following ITUC account:

No. 375-1008200-61

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The communication "SOS Solidarity - Haiti" must be included with each transfer to this account.

"Our trade union colleagues in the Dominican Republic began to mobilise their humanitarian action immediately after the earthquake struck, and shipment of materials into Haiti has already begun. In addition to supporting this action, we also anticipate contributing from the ITUC appeal to the Red Cross appeal for Haiti," said ITUC General Secretary Guy Ryder.

The ITUC is also raising concerns about Haiti's international debt burden and its impact on rebuilding efforts into the future. "The need for cancellation of Haiti's debt, concerning both multilateral lending and loans by individual governments, has taken on a new and dramatic urgency in the aftermath of this disaster," said Ryder.

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