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Dear Comrades,

Message of support on anniversary of historic public sector strike

On the anniversary of your brave strike action for your members' livelihoods and decent working conditions, I write to express the full support of the 44 PSI affiliates in Southern Africa and the 20 million workers represented by PSI world-wide.

Please be assured of the continued and unequivocal support of the PSI family, in the face of considerable repression and intimidation by the employer. We have also written to the government of Botswana unreservedly condemning its anti-union actions and calling again on the government to guarantee respect for trade union rights and freedoms, in line with its obligations as a member of the International Labour Organization.

As you deservedly celebrate the first year anniversary of your historic strike action, we recognise that the way ahead is long, but that in solidarity lies victory.

In solidarity

PETER WALDORFF General Secretary

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