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Dear Comrades

We wish to express our solidarity with you and your members during the recent strike for higher wages. We extend our deepest sympathy to your Union and to the families of those who were killed and injured as a result of the harsh action taken against them by the Chamber of Mines and the South African police. We strongly condemn police use of rubber bullets, teargas and dogs against miners striking for a living wage.

We regard the Chamber of Mines' acceptance of the use of these methods against miners engaged in legal strike action as proof of their unwillingness to accept miners' right to democratically elected unions of their choice and to a living wage .

It is a grim reminder that despite the Chamber's public commitment to "collective bargaining" the ugly past of mining industrial relations is still with us - workers are still threatened with violence and dismissal whether their strike action is legal or not.

We know that the events of the last week will not deter your Union. We salute the courage and dedication of your members in our common struggle for a South African free from all forms of oppression and exploitation.

An injury to one is an injury to all!

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