**Trade unions say NO to violence against women**

With 1 out of 3 women on earth having been physically beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime, violence against women was declared the most widespread and socially tolerated human rights violations. This has led the latest ITUC Congress (Vancouver 21-25 June 2010) to reinforce its call for trade unions’ actions on November 25th, the UN Day on the Elimination of Violence against Women.

This year, the ITUC mobilisation on November 25 will be linked to the 57th UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW, New –York, 4 to 15 March) whose theme is the “*Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls*”.

The ITUC will celebrate the International Day (November 25) by reporting your activities and campaigns on the ITUC web site. Several articles will be published on that occasion. The objective is to give visibility to the trade unions’ response to the issue of violence. In that context you may want to assess with the PERC Women’s Committee the opportunity of having a specific regional topic to be highlighted in the ITUC/ PERC Women’s Committee work.

In order to prepare for both events, we kindly ask you to:

* Mobilise trade union members on **November 25** to say **No to violence against women.** Invite them to wear the **White Ribbon** on that day - the symbol of hope for a world free of violence for women and girls

* Send to the PERC Women’s Committee and PERC Secretariat:
* A report on your activities for November 25th
* Relevant national reports and statistics related to violence against women in your country in English if possible
* Information on successful trade unions’ actions, campaigns, advocacy or practices to stop violence against women
* Photos related to your present or past actions on violence
* Discuss the possibility of having a regional focus (e.g. feminicides, harassment and mobbing at the workplace, domestic workers etc..\_)