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By e-mail

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Brussels, 25 January 2011

Dear Mikhail, Dear Igor,

We were shocked to hear about the explosion in the international airport of Domodedovo, the largest in Russia, which millions of passengers - workers, citizens of Russia and other states, tourists - are using every year and where thousands of employees are working. This unprecedented terrorist attack left more than thirty people dead, and many more wounded.

The ITUC condemned this attack and hereby we would like to express our deepest solidarity and support to the victims and members of their families, equally citizens and visitors of Russia. The authorities must take all necessary measures to launch a full and immediate investigation into this attack and ensure that all those responsible are brought to justice and to make sure that workers, citizens and guests of Russia are properly protected from these extremist actions. There can be no justification of such deeds.

We will be happy to participate in any actions Russian trade unions are organising to help the victims of the explosion and, once again, ask you to convey our feelings of deepest solidarity to all those affected by this tragic event.

Yours in solidarity

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Burrow', written over a white background.

Sharan Burrow
General Secretary