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***Via Embassy of the Republic of  
Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Belgium***

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Brussels, 13 November 2018

**Attacks against Dmitriy Senyavskiy**

Dear Mr President,

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) represents 207 million members from 331 member organisations in 163 countries and territories, including the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of Kazakhstan (KNPRK-CITUK) and its members referred to in this letter.

On Saturday 10 November in the city of Shakhtinsk (Karaganda region, Kazakhstan), a physical assault was committed against Dmitriy Senyavskiy, the chairman of the branch trade union of workers of the fuel and energy complex in the Karaganda region. There were several perpetrators. They went into the garage, where Dmitriy was repairing a car, and started beating him. The union leader received a closed-head injury, arm fractures, numerous injuries to his body and face, and other injuries.

Earlier, before the beating, a window was broken in Dmitriy's house. In addition, there were calls with threats. The threats and attacks on Dmitriy Senyavskiy are associated with his active trade union activities. For several years, the persecution of leaders of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions of the Republic of Kazakhstan (KNPRK) has continued. The Kazakh authorities forcibly eliminated the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions itself and a number of its member organisations under the law that breaches Kazakhstan's international obligations.

We deplore and strongly condemn the use of violence and harassment against trade union members. The government of Kazakhstan is obliged to ensure that workers can exercise their right to freedom of association in a climate that is free from violence, pressure or threats of any kind against their leaders and members, as stipulated in the provisions of ILO Convention No 87 on Freedom of Association, which the government is bound by.

We urgently call on your government to take immediate action to start an investigation into the excessive and undue violence that took place. It is our expectation that those found to be responsible for the violence will be effectively prosecuted and that the victims of violence and harassment will be provided with adequate remedies.

We request to be kept informed of the action taken in response to our letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. R.', written in a cursive style.

General Secretary