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Dear Secretary General Taboubi,

We, the Council of Global Unions (CGU), are writing to you on behalf of 200 million workers around the world, to express our support and solidarity with the UGTT and its affiliates over the arrest of Anis Al-Kaabi, General Secretary of Tunisia's Highway Workers Union, and several other UGTT leaders and members who have been questioned and summoned in the past few weeks.

Furthermore, the recent deportation of our comrade Esther Lynch, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) from Tunisia, is a blatant attack on the UGTT, its international relations and the global trade union solidarity that we provide together with national centres.

International labour solidarity is the corner stone of the global union work, and the UGTT is at the heart of it as it has showed the example of providing international solidarity throughout its proud history.

Therefore, we reiterate our call to the government of Tunisia to release immediately Anis Al-Kaabi and to respect trade union rights and the international conventions ratified by Tunisia as well as the provisions of the Tunisian Constitution on trade union freedoms and the right to strike.

The Council of Global Unions fully supports the demonstration that the UGTT is organising on 4 March to protest the intensification of the attacks.

In solidarity,

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