SOLIDARITY LETTER

Public Services International (PSI) was shocked and outraged to hear about the police raid on the office of the Korean Public Service and Transport Workers’ Union on November 6th.

We understand that this raid was carried out in relation to the protest organised by striking KPTU Cargo Truckers Solidarity Division and that the entire KPTU building was investigated. We are concerned that this raid is part of a broader effort to intimidate the unions.

The ILO and international community has continuously called the Korean government to put an end to its violations of human and labour fundamental rights and to stop repression against trade unionists.

On behalf of PSI and its 20 million members, I want to assure you of our fullest support and solidarity in your struggle.

PSI calls upon the South Korean government to stop repression against the KPTU-TruckSol Pulmuone drivers (and the whole KPTU), to cancel arrests warrants and to release arrested workers, to engage in negotiations in order to find a just settlement to the dispute, and to apologize for the unjustified and excessive raid on the KPTU office.

Sincerely,

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