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Dear Sir/Madam,

## CALL FOR AU AND ECOWAS INTERVENTION

The African Regional Organization of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa) urgently calls on the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to intervene in the unfolding political crises in Senegal to prevent further deterioration of the situation.

ITUC-Africa has noted with grave concern the reports of violence in Dakar and other cities in Senegal following the ruling of the Constitutional Court on President Abdoulaye Wade's bid to contest the forthcoming presidential elections in Senegal.

Senegal has been an important example for political stability and democracy and it is essential that the contending political forces are prevailed upon to resort to dialogue to resolve the contentious political issues as the country moves towards election in the next couple of weeks. This is also critical for the peaceful outcome of the election itself.

ITUC-Africa urges the AU and ECOWAS to act expeditiously to stabilize the situation and allow peace to prevail in order to avoid the pretext for intervention by external forces.

While counting on your urgent action on this matter, please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Adu-Amankwah'.

**Kwasi Adu-Amankwah**

**General Secretary**