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Dear Comrades,

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

ITUC-Africa expresses its support to the Nigeria Labour Congress and the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria for the on-going struggle of Nigerian workers and people against astronomical fuel price hikes and to secure a reinstatement of Government subsidies on petroleum products in Nigeria.

We commend your initiative in acting together in the current strike action and in joining hands with progressive civil society allies to press home the legitimate demands of Nigerian workers and people. In particular, we welcome the outcry against corruption and the link between Government subsidies on petroleum products and a fairer distribution of the benefits of Nigeria's oil wealth that have been articulated as part of the on-going struggle.

ITUC-Africa urges the leadership of the NLC and TUC to remain resolute in championing the interests of the Nigerian workers and to maintain the firm bonds of solidarity between the workers and other progressive forces in the country.

While wishing you courage in your struggle against the further impoverishment of Nigerian workers and people we also hope for the achievement of favourable outcomes in your negotiations with the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Yours Sincerely,

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