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Dear Colleagues,

**EI statement on the bombing in Mogadishu, Somalia**

Education International strongly condemns the heinous attack that took place Saturday, 14 October 2017 in the capital Mogadishu which has killed more than 300 innocent civilians and injured at least 500.

To the families, friends and colleagues of the victims, EI extends its deepest condolences. To the SNUT, affiliate of EI, your union brothers and sisters around the world stand with you in solidarity during this unquestionably difficult time as you remember the teachers and students lost.

At no moment can or should violence directed at innocent civilians be tolerated, which is why EI calls upon authorities to re-double their efforts to protect the people of Somalia from needless carnage.

Any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable. In reaffirming the need to address terrorism by all means, EI is convinced that the antidote to extremism is found in the classroom, for education is the most peaceful and sustainable way to counter hate.

Education International is committed to supporting its affiliate in Somalia and continues, with its members, to defend workers' rights and human rights which are crucial to achieving sustainable peace and security.

Yours sincerely,

Fred van Leeuwen

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