

## SWAZILAND FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS STATEMENT ON THE GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION

5-9 SEPTEMBER, 2011

The Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions, committed to its obligation of being a vehicle for social, economic and political transformation in Swaziland wishes to inform its associates and the general peace living peoples of the world about the global week of action on Swaziland scheduled for the 5-9 September 2011.

The week-long action is a continuation of the agenda for genuine social and political transformation initiated by the Swaziland United Democratic Front and planned by its campaign wing, the Swaziland Democracy Campaign which the Federation aligns fully with its programs.

Mass demonstration in five town centres will characterize the action from 5-9 September, 2011. The Federation together with its allies, the Swaziland Federation of Labour and the independent teachers union, Swaziland National Association of Teachers have already lodged joint protests action notices in terms of the Industrial Relations Act procedures for the legalization of the week long action.

The demands amongst others include:

- The abrogation of the operation of labour brokers
- Withdrawal of a circular awarding hefty salaries and benefits to politicians.
- Non taxation of terminal benefits
- Judicial crisis
- Demand for the hastily opening of the University of Swaziland

The underlying demand is the call for a democratic Swaziland, the unbanning of political parties, and the release of political prisoners.

We hereby call for solidarity from all genuine friends of the struggling people of Swaziland.

The show of solidarity may not be limited to the following actions:

- Petition deliveries to the nearest Swaziland mission offices in your countries
- Any regional or international office of importance i.e. SADC, AU, UN.

Petitions may also be delivered to some strategic countries with direct economic and political benefits to Swaziland, the Republic of South Africa, the UK, USA, European Union etc.

Comrades are hereby further invited to join the masses of Swaziland literally on the streets as they will be liberating themselves from the archaic, draconian and repressive Tinkhundla rule.

Your usual co-operation in this regard is appreciated in advance.

Yours Comradely

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