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SOLIDARITY FOR NEPAL'S POST DISASTER RESILIENCE MOVE

Nepal is on the eve of historical change. It was in a process to conclude political diversities through promulgating the New Constitution, generated due to decade long violent insurgency along with peaceful people's uprising of 2006.

All of a sudden, on Saturday, 25 April 2015 at 11:56 local time, a 7.6 magnitude earthquake as recorded by Nepal's National Seismological Centre (NSC), struck Barpak in the historic district of Gorkha, about 76 km northwest of Kathmandu. The catastrophic earthquake was followed by more than 300 aftershocks greater than magnitude 4.0 (as of 7 June 2015). Four aftershocks were greater than magnitude 6.0, including one measuring 6.8 which struck 17 days after the first big one with the epicentre near Mount Everest. The consequence was nearly 9,000 casualties and 23,000 injuries. It is estimated that the lives of eight million people, almost one-third of the population of Nepal, have been impacted by these earthquakes. Thirty-one of the country's 75 districts have been affected, out of which 14 were declared 'crisis-hit' for the purpose of prioritizing rescue and relief operations; another 17 neighbouring districts are partially affected.

The destruction was widespread covering residential and government buildings, heritage sites, schools and health posts, rural roads, bridges, water supply systems, agricultural land, trekking routes, hydropower plants and sports facilities.

The Conference expresses its deepest sympathy on devastated loss of life and properties in Nepal. The Conference sends condolence to the bereaved families and joins itself with Nepali sentiments "We will Rise."

The Conference acknowledges gratitude expressed by three Nepali affiliates- GEFONT, NTUC and ANTUF for immediate solidarity extended by the ITUC. The conference also thanks all of its affiliates for their involvement in the call of ITUC AP secretariat and their contribution in the solidarity fund.

The conference also supports Nepali affiliates vision of **Reconstruction: By Creating Decent Jobs**. The Conference encourages the Trade Union Solidarity Support Organisations to join the international meeting to prepare Nepali unions' road map of reconstruction to be held in Kathmandu in September 3-4, 2015.

The conference supports the ongoing Nepal's initiation to declare its new constitution. The Conference **calls on** Nepali political players to recognise trade unions role to restore full-fledged democracy and asks to address unions' issues of rights, social protection, labour commission and representation.