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Dear Comrades Senzeni and Frans,

On behalf of the Federación de Industria de Comisiones Obreras (F.Industria CCOO) of Spain, allow me to convey our shock and sadness at the turn of events in your North West region. We join the world in condemning the senseless massacre of mineworkers at the Lonmin platinum mine.

We agree with the NUM that the roots of this unfortunate tragedy can be placed squarely on the doorsteps of Lonmin in that it has undermined existing collective bargaining processes and structures.

It is unacceptable and shameful the police brutality displayed against the striking mineworkers, and we welcome the appointment of the commission of inquiry. We call upon the government to leave no stone unturned in investigating the circumstances leading to this carnage.

I want to express our confidence in the leadership of the NUM to deal with what is clearly a delicate situation with complicated political and trade union aspects. I also wish to reassure you of our undivided solidarity support and that we are ready to offer whatever support the NUM requires in this difficult time.

In solidarity,

Felipe López Alonso
Secretario General