



To all affiliates

To members of the UNI World Executive Board (titular and substitute members)

To members of the UNI Europa Executive Committee (titular and substitute members)

Dear colleagues,

It is with deep grief and sorrow that we have learnt from our Norwegian unions about their members who were victims of the attacks of July 22nd.

We have set up a memorial page for our union sisters and brothers who lost their lives:
<http://www.uniglobalunion.org/Apps/UNINews.nsf/fmFB?OpenForm&id=71737438ACD5ED29C12578E9003F6352>

It is devastating to see the ages of the young people who were murdered in cold blood on the island of Utøya. This is the hardest of blows that one could ever imagine. The flower of union youth cut down by a calculating assassin.

What happened in Oslo and Utøya was a direct attack on our society. We, as trade unionists, have to rally with all members of the community around our democratic social values, promoting them even more than before. The reaction from the Norwegian people is a great model for all of us to follow.

We know that all our unions will rise to the challenge in giving comfort to the families, loved ones, friends and colleagues of those who lost their lives.

Our Norwegian colleagues are generous and warm-hearted will find a way to remember those who were lost and for future generations to mark this tragedy.

We at UNI Global Union and UNI Europa will also hold a moment of formal remembrance to pay our respects to our lost colleagues during the UNI Europa Conference in Toulouse and the World Executive Board meeting in November.

We grieve for all of those who are enduring so much suffering.

Sincerely,

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