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Dear Colleagues

ITF calls for immediate ceasefire in Gaza

The ITF has endorsed the ITUC's statement demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza to end the killing of innocent civilians. The ITF also calls for the immediate opening of the borders to allow rapid humanitarian relief to be delivered to the people of Gaza. From its Amman Office the ITF has organised an emergency initiative to deliver humanitarian relief to Gaza. This has been supported by ITF affiliates, the ITUC and other Global Union Federations.

The first planeload of humanitarian supplies for the people of Gaza was delivered last week as part of a trade union relief operation. An Airbus 310 organised and loaded by Jordan's General Trade Union of Workers in Air Transport and Tourism and the ITF landed at Al-Areesh airport, Egypt last week containing three ambulances, medical supplies, food and water. The cargo was handed over to the Red Crescent for onward distribution in Gaza. The use of aircraft was provided by Royal Jordanian Airlines. A second relief plane will arrive later this week.

If you would like to make a donation to support the ITF's relief work in Gaza please contact the ITF Arab World Office in Amman by emailing malkawi_bilal@itf.org.uk

Thank you

Yours fraternally

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