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PETITION

CALL FOR CARICOM GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT DOMESTIC WORKERS IN THEIR SEARCH FOR A BETTER LIFE

Whereas the exploitation of domestic workers and their vulnerability to abuse, including rape and other sexual assault, have gained worldwide attention largely as a result of organising and mobilising by domestic workers themselves;

Whereas the Government, Employer and Worker delegates of the International Labour Conference (ILC), have provided protection for domestic workers in the form of a new International Labour Organization standard, the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No.189);

Noting that this Convention was adopted on 16 June 2011 with the support of Caribbean Governments, Employers and Worker representatives; and

Noting also that the Convention has already been ratified by Uruguay, Philippines, Italy and Mauritius, while ratification by Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Paraguay is awaiting registration with the International Labour Organization;

Be it resolved that the Caribbean Domestic Workers' Network (CDWN), in collaboration with its members: Antigua Trades and Labour Union (ATLU); Barbados Workers' Union (BWU); Red Thread, Guyana; Jamaica Household Workers' Association (JHWA); CAFRA-Saint Lucia; National Union of Domestic Employees (NUDE); Transport Industrial Workers' Union (TIWU), Trinidad and Tobago; and the workers and people of each country, call on CARICOM Governments through the Ministry responsible for Labour, to take urgent action to make good on their pledges to enhance the quality of life of the many thousands of domestic workers in our region by ratifying the ILO Convention no. 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

Antigua Trades and Labour Union

Barbados Workers Union

Caribbean Feminist Research and Action - Saint Lucia

Jamaica Household Workers Association

National Union of Domestic Employees

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Transport and Industrial Workers Union

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