Global unions are ready for climate change negotiations: Just Transition !

(Brussels, 28 November 2008) The global unions and including the ETUC has issued their demands for the International Climate Change negotiations taking place in Poznan, 2-11 December 2008. The trade unions want immediate action on Climate Change. The negotiations shoull result in a socially-fair and climate-engaged agreement by the end of 2009. ITUC General Secretary Guy Ryder explained the movement's main reasons for its strong position: "Accelerating climate change, financial disorder and food & oil price instability share the same origins: a lack of commitment to regulation, a push towards 'small government' and free market economics, and an international system that has underperformed in terms of its governance of globalisation. All these crises always end up affecting the most vulnerable among us, those who did little to cause these problems".

To read the ITUC press release:

http://www.ituc-csi.org/spip.php?article2568

For the Global trade unions position:

http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/No_45_-_TradeUnions_ClimateChange_COP14.pdf

And for the proposals for negotiations see the Trade Union Advisory Committee of the OECD:

http://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/COP14_NegotiatorsBrief_Final.pdf

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