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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As IDC General Coordinator, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to you for making the Day of Global Action on July 7, 2016 a truly historical day. Alongside hundreds of thousands of dock workers from around the world, your participation in this day has demonstrated that dock workers are prepared to face the challenges of the future, and also that they remain a force to be reckoned with. The future, is our future.

I'm am proud of the IDC family, which has exhibited- yet again- that a rank and file system is where the real power of dock workers is. Your efforts to **mobilize workers and spread the word to other unions** has ensured the Day of Action on July 7 was, indeed, impactful. I consider the Global Day of Action, at large, to have been an outstanding victory for dock workers, and that which stands as evidence of the strength of our network: Unions and workers across the globe have join forces and unified, uncompromising in the face of our struggles, for the preservation of our rights. This message reached employers and governments alike, and in case they had any doubts they can now be certain that port workers are ready to fight back when they are under attack.

We have come to know of the limited participation of some non-affiliated unions during the Day of Global Action. The lack of collective action and responsibility exhibited by these specific unions saddens me deeply, but serves as a reminder of the importance of collective action, on all fronts: Together we stand, divided we fall. And despite shortcomings, that fact remains that we all share the same struggle.

I pledge my best efforts to continue to strengthen our support to the unions represented by the IDC. The Day of Global Action stands as a testament to all, as a landmark in the labour movement, and as a reminder to each one of us:

We will never surrender.

We will never walk alone again!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordi Aragunde', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jordi Aragunde
IDC General Coordinator