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To: Sonia Alesso
The General Secretary
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Dear Colleague,

Subject: SADTU Message of Unwavering Solidarity with CTERA and Education Workers in Argentina

On behalf of the National Executive Committee and the entire membership of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU), I write to express our deepest fraternal solidarity and support for the *Confederación de Trabajadores de la Educación de la República Argentina* (CTERA) national strike held on Monday, 3 August 2026.

SADTU strongly condemns the credible threats of violent action made against CTERA and its leadership. Violence, intimidation, and repression have no place in a democratic society, and any attempt to silence trade unions defending workers' rights is an assault on democracy itself. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you, demanding full protection for CTERA officials, teachers, and union members.

We fully support your key demands to defend public education and the dignity of education workers, including:

- The immediate reinstatement of the National Teachers' Joint Commission (*Paritaria*), respecting collective bargaining rights and existing labour legislation.
- Fair salary adjustments to protect the purchasing power of teachers and education personnel against rampant inflation.
- An immediate stop to the defunding and privatization of public education.
- The protection of pension funds and a rejection of regressive pension reforms that penalize current and retired workers.

Access to quality, free public education is a fundamental human right, and the collective bargaining process is non-negotiable. As part of the international

education community through Education International (EI), SADTU adds its voice to yours in demanding that the Argentine government honour its legal obligations and return to the bargaining table.

Be assured that the struggles of CTERA are shared by workers across the globe. *An injury to one is an injury to all.*

In solidarity,



Dr. Mugwena Maluleke
General Secretary