

International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations



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**Concerns: support for the Campaign for Trade union Freedom
(CTUF)**

Dear Sarah

The IUF is the global trade union federation representing workers throughout the food chain. We are made up of 387 affiliated trade unions in 120 countries, including 5 affiliates in the UK.

On behalf of the IUF, I would like to extend our wholehearted support for the CTUF and to wish you every success as the launch rally.

The CTUF demand for positive industrial relations legislation to protect trade unions from legal attacks and allow them to operate democratically and protect their members has global importance. In particular, we support your calls for laws which restore and extend collective bargaining, give workers the right to strike and to be represented by a union and engage in solidarity action with other workers fighting for their rights.

In 2012, the UK employers' representative led the attack in the International Labour Organization Committee on Application of Standards on the right to strike, challenging at the same time the supervisory mechanisms of the ILO which monitor all labour rights. This has to be opposed. The CTUF campaign highlights the urgent need both in the UK and globally to roll back the undermining of workers' rights. This is critical not only for the working class in the UK but for workers elsewhere who will always look to the UK trade union movement for the support and solidarity it has traditionally given so generously.

Yours in solidarity

Ron Oswald
General Secretary