

## media release

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## ACTU President advocates for employees at UN workplace violence forum

ACTU President Ged Kearney will be speaking on behalf of employees at an International Labour Organisation forum on 'Violence Against Women and Men in the World of Work in Geneva this week.

The forum is the first step in establishing international labour standards related to violence in the workplace, and the ACTU is proud to represent workers in Australia and all around the world at this important event.

## Quotes attributable to ACTU President, Ged Kearney:

"Whether this violence takes the form of physical bullying, physiological bullying, sexual harassment or assault, or domestic and family violence, we need to acknowledge that workplaces need to do more to prevent this, and work together internationally against it."

"I'm going to Geneva as a representative of employees to discuss violence in the workplace and what we can do to prevent it.

"Violence in the workplace affects far too many people every year, and all countries, including Australia, need to do more to prevent it and help people who have been and are experiencing violence in their workplaces."

"The ACTU is proud to be a world leader on these issues, advocating for the rights of all working people. This forum represents a great opportunity to move toward international standards that will protect people from violence in the workplace and in their communities."

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