

**STATEMENT BY THE MINING AND MARITIME UNIONS MEETING IN  
JOHANNESBURG ON 29-30 MAY 2006 REGARDING THE SATAWU  
NATIONAL WAGE DISPUTE**

We, leaders of mining and maritime unions representing workers from Canada, the United States, Australia and South Africa meeting in Johannesburg on 29-30 May, express our serious concern with the violation of workers' rights by the security companies, many of which are multinational corporations, such as Chubb, Securicor, Group Four and ADT.

Their refusal to bargain in good faith with Satawu is resulting in prolonging the current dispute. Given that the strike has been on since 23 March 2006, we strongly urge the security companies to return to the negotiating table and focus on resolving the dispute in the interests of changing the low wage situation of security workers.

We are horrified by the fact that employers in an industry which recorded super profits in the last financial year would not recognize the importance of their workers and stubbornly refuse to seek an resolution to this dispute by raising the current offer by a mere R31 per month

Satawu's demands of a 11% across the board increase, and four (4) months paid maternity leave are considered very reasonable in the circumstances given the difficult working conditions of security workers.

We warn that failure to resolve this dispute soon will result in the escalation of the battle to the operations of these multinational companies beyond South Africa's borders to Australia, Canada and the USA.

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