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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY:

Dear comrades of Kazakhstan,

We, the Democratic Socialist Movement which is the South African section of the Committee for a Workers' International (CWI) hereby extend our warmest solidarity greetings to you as you embark on nationwide action against the repression of the striking Mangistau oil workers over this weekend.

One hundred days after the December 16 police massacre on the peacefully striking comrades in Zhanaozen we stand with you, on the other side of the planet, in your struggle for trade union rights and against the brutal repression against workers and activists for democracy and human rights.

There is no force stronger than the organised workers united with organised working class communities. This is the force that 18 years ago broke the back of South Africa's racist apartheid dictatorship. We have no doubt that your action this weekend is a critical step in building the movement which will also crush the effective police dictatorship of the current regime in Kazakhstan.

Forward to freeing the political prisoners in Kazakhstan! Forward to the formation of a mass party of the workers and poor of Kazakhstan! Forward to a socialist world – replacing the dictatorship of the bosses with global workers' democracy!

Yours in struggle,

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