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Dear Elizabeth,

We are deeply sorry to hear about the demise of Ms Myrtle Witbooi, President of the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF).

The ILO has been a long-standing partner of the IDWF and from the region, we have had opportunities to be in meetings where Sister Myrtle played key role. We have always admired her strength, commitment to the domestic workers movement in her home country of South Africa and to the global community of domestic workers.

We know her leadership played no small part in the development of C189 and the IDWF under her leadership has driven the domestic workers' movement to the success we see today. She never failed to use her voice in raising the rights of domestic workers and that their rights and work should be valued.

Please convey our sincerest condolences to Sister Myrtle's family, the IDWF affiliates and members and the domestic workers' community at large.

We honour her memory and let us continue to work together for the protection of domestic workers' rights in the region including migrant domestic workers.

Yours sincerely,

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