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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great concern that the global research-action network Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) received the news that leaders from our Institutional Member the *Confederación de Trabajadores de la Economía Popular* (CTEP), in Argentina, were arrested while exercising their right to peaceful protest in Buenos Aires yesterday night.

The CTEP leaders were arrested while expressing solidarity and support for the Senegalese street vendors who were evicted from their workplace. There is no reason to imprison anyone trying to support this anti-eviction cause through peaceful protest.

WIEGO has worked with Juan Grabois, Jacqueline Flores, Alejandro Valiente, Rafael Klejzler, Sergio Sánchez and many other dedicated leaders from the Excluded Worker Movements of the *Confederación de Trabajadores de la Economía Popular* and we continue to be inspired by their commitment and hard work to improve the livelihood of the working poor in Argentina.

We repudiate the actions undertaken by the Argentinian government, and we call for this police repression of informal workers and supporter activists to cease immediately.

In solidarity,

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