

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – Concerns over Hutchison Ports to global health and safety operations

The ITF's Executive Board meeting in London 20 April 2018:

WAS DEEPLY SADDENED AND ALARMED to hear of the tragic work accident at Hutchison in Port Botany yesterday where a 55-year-old dockworker and member of the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) fell seven metres from her cabin to the concrete below.

EXTENDS our thoughts to her and her family after she underwent emergency brain surgery at a Sydney hospital.

STRONGLY BELIEVES that every dockworker should come home safely to his or her family.

NOTES that this is the latest case in a pattern of serious health and safety incidents that have occurred recently in Hutchison terminals.

FURTHER NOTES that in the past 18 months in the Asia Pacific region alone, there have been four fatal incidents at Hutchison's JICT terminal in Jakarta.

IS GRAVELY CONCERNED that MUA officials were denied access to the site and notes that Hutchison failed its obligations under the Australian Workplace Health and Safety Act due to a lack of consultation with Health and Safety Representatives in the lead-up to this tragic accident.

NOTES that Hutchison is one of the biggest stevedore companies in the world and has an obvious responsibility to its global workforce to meet occupational health and safety requirements.

STRONGLY URGES Hutchison Ports to address a pattern of serious health and safety incidents across their global operations.

CALLS on Hutchison Ports to correct its safety record, mitigate any further risk to its workforce and ensure involvement of union representatives.

IS DETERMINED to ensure that safe workplace for transport workers globally is a top priority.

COMMITTS to continued support of the campaign for better safety in ports worldwide and for workers everywhere.