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My dear friends,

I am delighted to extend to you fraternal greetings on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of your union.

We are proud to count the union as a member of UNI Global Union and UNI Apro.

Your presence is an inspiration to bank and finance unions worldwide.

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There are not many unions in the world that have had to face such a hostile environment. The political instability in the nation and the readiness of governments to enact anti-union legislation with the aim to repress and create a climate of fear have all marked your history.

The legal change claiming you are an essential service and the effective banning of a union presence all failed to dim your resistance and failed to quiet your voice.

The Fiji Bank and Finance Sector Employees Union is a resilient union! Dealing with a hostile political environment often aggravated by a lack of sympathy by the finance sector toward union organisation and collective bargaining have not halted your development.

We admire and respect you as a union and all those generations of leaders and members that never gave up.

Long live to the Fiji Bank & Finance Sector Employees Union and on this great occasion repeat our call for the Government to respect ILO Standards.

Yours sincerely,

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