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| **Submission by COSATU on** **the Labour Laws Amendment Bill 2017** |
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**Submitted to:****Portfolio Committee on Labour** **Parliament****Republic of South Africa** |

COSATU welcomes the proposed typographical amendments to the private member’s bill, the Labour Laws Amendment Bill to correct the mistake in the Unemployment Insurance Amendment Act adopted by Parliament in 2016.

COSATU, as indicated in our 2016 submission to Parliament, strongly supports the LLA Bill.

COSATU strongly urges the Portfolio Committee to pass this LLA Bill as a matter of the highest urgency as the UI Amendment Act has been processed since 2013 and due to many technical delays has still not been implemented.

This comes whilst thousands of workers are losing their jobs and would have greatly benefited from the expansion of access to the UIF as provided for in the UI Amendment Act.

This would in turn have seen billions of Rands pumped into the economy at a time when we are barely out of a recession.

In conclusion, COSATU and its 1.8 million members is pleading with the Portfolio Committee to pass this bill before the end of this parliamentary session at the end of November so that it could come into effect by April 2018.

Thank you for your support and efforts.

Kind regards,

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