

By e-mail to: the General Secretaries of FILCTEM CGIL - Emilio Miceli, FEMCA CISL - Angelo Colombini & UILTEC UIL - Paolo Pirani.

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of [industriAll European Trade Union](#) representing 7 million industrial workers in Europe, we voice our solidarity to the Italian unions and the 500,000 workers they represent from the textile, clothing, leather and footwear (TCLF) sectors who are participating in the 8-hour general strike and demonstration on Friday 13th January 2017.

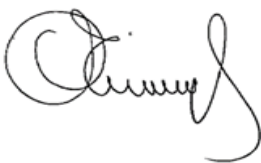
The strike, in conjunction with 'Pitti Uomo' fashion event, will voice the concerns of 420,000 workers in more than 47,000 enterprises in the textiles and clothing sectors, and those of another 80,000 employees in more than 5,800 companies in the footwear sector. It will serve to shed light on the unstable situation of these workers and the need for the renewal of respective collective agreements, which have now expired more than ten months ago.

We strongly support your demand that the TCLF industry's tradition of industrial relations should be respected, not betrayed, and we stand alongside all those workers who will take part in the general strike on Friday 13 January 2017 and at the national demonstration in Florence.

IndustriAll Europe and its affiliates stand for equal, fair and quality working conditions for all workers and we are committed to fight against precarious work. We believe that a credible social dialogue can strengthen the situation of Italian workers in the TCLF sectors and we call on Italian employers in this industry to respect the rights of their workers.

Please pass on our solidarity message and our support to the thousands of workers that will demonstrate in Florence tomorrow.

In solidarity,



Luc Triangle
General Secretary