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## **IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade Union expresses its support and solidarity with Birleşik Metal-İş**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](#) and [industriAll European Trade Union](#), both representing millions of workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in Europe and worldwide, to express our full support and solidarity with the striking members of Birleşik Metal-İş at 13 factories belonging to the multinational companies ABB, General Electric (Alstöm), Schneider Electric and Schneider Energy in four cities as of 10h00 today 20 January 2017.

We are outraged to learn that the Ministerial Cabinet has issued decrees banning the strikes Birleşik Metal-İş is legitimately organizing at ABB, General Electric and Schneider Electric, and Asil Çelik. This prohibition constitutes a blatant violation of the fundamental right of workers to strike, which is guaranteed by the Constitution of Turkey as well as international labor conventions, and the jurisprudence of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

We stand firm in solidarity with you and your great union Birleşik Metal-İş.

Long live international solidarity of workers!

In solidarity,

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