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In solidarity with metalworkers in Italy

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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 your general strike on 31 October calling for a sustainable future for the industry, wage increases, respect of fundamental workers' rights, workers' involvement in decision making over the creation of new jobs and redistribution of productivity stemming from new technologies, fair taxation, social justice, and improvement of health and safety conditions.

We rally behind you on your industrial action on 31 October, which will consist of a two-hour long workers' assembly in each workplace, and which will be followed by a national assembly in Rome on 20 November. This strike comes in the wake of great uncertainty concerning the future of the metal industry in Italy, given decreasing industrial production, loss of the value of work, and the increasing number of accidents and deaths at work.


It is imperative that unions be given a seat in a national social dialogue to achieve a socially acceptable and fair outcome—in other words, establishing a sustainable industrial policy—in addressing the challenges posed by huge technological and environmental changes.

The government and the private sector must meet the challenges by investing in innovation, ecological sustainability, employment generation, and enforcement of stringent health and safety standards. It is also necessary to relaunch the domestic market, which would entail increasing wages.

Therefore, we fully support your struggle to increase employment through public and private investment in strategic sectors, generating quality jobs in an environmentally sustainable fashion.

IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade Union send our warmest solidarity greetings.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sanches', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Valter Sanches
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Triangle', with a large circular flourish at the beginning.

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