

To Mr. Nicolas Schmit
European Commissioner for Jobs & Social Rights
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Dear Commissioner Schmit,

Urgent: proposed closure of Nissan plant in Barcelona

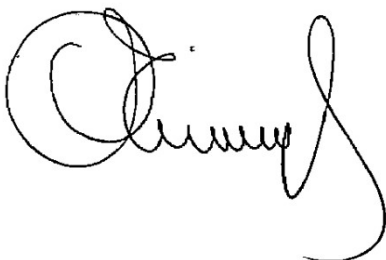
As you are no doubt aware, Nissan is currently contemplating a major restructuring plan in Europe which would entail in particular the complete closure of its Barcelona plant which currently employs 5,000 workers directly and many thousands more in the local supply chain. The news is trickling out through press stories and rumour, which consequently is causing extreme anxiety for the local workforce.

IndustriAll Europe represents workers in the manufacturing, mining and energy sectors, including the European automotive industry and its supply chain. We are deeply concerned that Spain's Nissan workers may be the 'canary in the mine' as the full economic impact of the Covid19 pandemic extends through the European automotive industry.

We are aware that the Commission is preparing a detailed European recovery plan but unless urgent solutions are found, notably in the case of Nissan's Barcelona plant, this may prove too little and too late for many European automotive sector workers.

As a matter of urgency, we would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the current situation in Spain, and the implications for European automotive workers, at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Luc Triangle
General Secretary