

IndustriALL Global Union's World Conference for the Mining and DGOJP Industries

30-31 May 2016, Leipzig, Germany

Resolution in Support and Solidarity with Spanish Affiliates

Having met on 30-31 May 2016 in Leipzig, Germany for IndustriALL Global Union's World Conference for the Mining and DGOJP Industries, comprising some hundred delegates from around 50 national unions in 32 countries;

Noting that the global commodities sector has suffered a slump from 2011 to early 2016. The commodity crisis has been compared to the crisis of subprime mortgages in the US that led to the financial crisis of 2007 and 2008;

Noting that further complicating this general economic situation, actions and inactions on the part of the European Union and the Spanish government have worsened the situation for mining unions in Spain;

Noting that the Spanish Government has refused to fulfilment of the requirements of the agreement signed by the Government, trade unions and employers in 2013 as well as the action framework for coal and mining regions covering the period of 2013-2018;

Noting that the Spanish authorities have this week unilaterally notified their intention of stopping the public aid and closing coal mines by 2018;

Noting that following the Global Coal Mining Meeting of IndustriALL Global Union, held in Hanover in 2015, coal mining unions agreed to seek innovative solutions to the problem of maintaining employment in a context of adoption of sustainable industrial policies together with a Just Transition to new processes, including the continuation of sustainable mining and the safeguarding the environment;

The World Mining and DGOJP Conference, upon the request of FICA-UGT and Industria de CC.OO.:

- Protests the Spanish Government's unilateral decision to close down the coal mines;
- Expresses its utmost support and solidarity for the Spanish affiliates in their struggle to keep coal mines operational;
- Calls on the Spanish Government to conduct a genuine dialogue with Spanish unions to seek a proper solution for maintaining employment in coal mining industry.