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## IndustriALL Global Union welcomes the creation of Trade Union of Industry Workers of Russia

Dear Brothers and Sister,

I am writing this letter to you as the General Secretary of <u>IndustriALL Global Union</u>, which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing sectors throughout the world, including Russia, to congratulate you on the successful merging process that has resulted in the creation of the Trade Union of Industry Workers of Russia.

We welcome the establishment of the Trade Union of Industry Workers of Russia, which brings together the strength, experience, and fighting spirit of its founding members: Trade Union of Defence Workers of Russia; Engineering Workers' Union of Russia, and Textile Workers' Union of Russia.

We are looking forward to working together with you, as the new Trade Union of Industry Workers of Russia, to promote and defend fundamental workers' rights, including the right to organize, and collective bargaining, in Russia and all over the world.

In solidarity,

Valter Sanches General Secretary