

Solidarity Greetings from IndustriALL Global Union to the Novartis Unia members

24 November 2018, Basel, Switzerland

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is an honour to deliver our message of solidarity to your workers' assembly and manifestation today in Basel.

IndustriALL Global Union is your international trade union. Unia is an important member, holding several senior positions in our global structures. We bring together 50 million members across the industrial sectors, in 140 countries all around the world.

This strong global union stands alongside you in your struggle for respect from your employer, Novartis.

How can this famous company even contemplate dismissing 2,150 jobs in Switzerland. As you know perfectly well, these 2,150 people have been fundamental in building the company, with their hard work and dedication, over the years.

Whether it is to replace these colleagues with machines, to outsource their jobs to a cheaper country, or to increase the work load of those who are staying, whatever the Novartis plan, we say NO.

We say that you must be treated with respect. We say that any cost cutting effort must be made through a process of social bargaining between management and your union, Unia. We say that solutions can be found for reducing the workforce, but this must be done in coordination with the workforce and the union.

However long it takes, we are sure that you will stand firm and campaign to reject this attack from Novartis on your jobs.

You can count on our international solidarity in this campaign.

We will be present at your future mobilizations.

Wishing you a loud and proud mobilization today, and full strength going forward.

International solidarity forever!

IndustriALL Global Union

