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To IndustriALL Global Union's affiliates in India

## IndustriALL Global Union in solidarity with Indian workers over general strike on 8-9 January

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am writing this letter to you as the General Secretary of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industrial-all-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing sectors throughout the world, to express our full support and solidarity and to congratulate you on the successful general strike you organized on 8 and 9 January calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration, inter alia, to engage in genuine consultations with trade unions over reform of labour laws, including Trade Union Act 1926, and demanding that the government stop implementing social and economic policies that are highly detrimental to workers and the population at large.

Millions of workers took to the streets of India to call attention to the serious deterioration of their working conditions, and to call for the implementation of urgent measures to contain price rise through universalisation of public distribution systems and banning of speculative trade in the commodity market; reduce unemployment through concrete measures for employment generation; and achieve the strict enforcement of fundamental labour laws.

Your charter of demands also calls for a universal social security coverage for all workers; set minimum wages of not less than Rs 15,000 per month, with provisions of indexation; guarantee an enhanced pension of not less than Rs 3,000 per month for the entire working population; stop disinvestment in and sale of central public sector enterprises; stop precarisation of permanent work, and enforce payment of same wage and benefits for contract workers as regular workers for same and similar work; compulsory registration of trade unions within a period of 45 days from the date of submitting application; immediate ratification of ILO Conventions 87 and 98; and stop pro employer labour law amendments.

We reiterate our solidarity and support of your demands, and we truly hope that the government will rectify immediately its economic and social policies, and act in full accordance with national and international core labour standards.

In solidarity,



Valter Sanches  
General Secretary