

IndustriALL Global Union International Nuclear Workers Union Network (INWUN)

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Statement

The IndustriALL Global Union International Nuclear Workers Union Network (INWUN), meeting in Ankara, Turkey, on 24 and 25 June 2019, analyzed the situation of workers, populations and the environment in the face of the climate challenge. The network is comprised of trade unions from across the world with members in the nuclear sector.

The network agreed on the following:

The meeting reaffirms IndustriALL Global Union's policy in support of the development of a balanced energy mix through democratic discussions in the countries concerned. The meeting recognizes that countries may take different decisions regarding their overall energy mix based on local natural resources, available technologies, security of supply and national circumstances.

Each country, in setting its national energy policy, may consider nuclear as part of a low carbon energy mix with an important role to play in the fight against global warming. Countries concerned should maintain and develop nuclear generation safely as part of a diversified energy mix.

Nuclear energy is an energy source with low CO₂ emissions that can help shifting away from fossil fuels. Therefore, nuclear technology may play a role in the low carbon energy mix. In order to face the climate challenge, decisions on the energy mix should be taken urgently.

The network encourages more research into new reactors. The development of new technologies and new generation reactors with enhanced safety standards is required, with research projects in this area and state investment in research and development.

Just Transition, in the context of sustainable industrial employment, is needed to ensure changes to the energy sector are implemented with fairness and justice to workers and their families and communities.

The INWUN network is open to all IndustriALL affiliates working in the nuclear sector, and invites those trade unions that have not yet actively joined the network to get involved.