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## **IndustriALL Global Union calls on government of Iraq to address workers' demands at self-financed enterprises**

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than 50 million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in some 143 countries, including Iraq, to intervene at the Ministry of Industry and Minerals to find a prompt and fair solution to the deteriorating conditions of workers at all the self-financed companies.

IndustriALL Global Union is seriously concerned about the situation of workers at the seventy-one self-financed enterprises under the Ministry of Industry and Minerals, who have not been receiving their full wages. Even more worrisome is the fact that your government has not apparently sat down with workers to find together a long-term solution to the problem, and your administration might be even contemplating a plan to privatize the companies, which would result in a further erosion of the workers' fundamental rights, including reductions in pay and benefits, precarization of work, massive layoffs and forced retirement.

Therefore, IndustriALL Global Union fully supports the call from our Iraqi National Council, which is made up of our nine affiliated unions in the country, to urge you to address immediately the legitimate demands of the workers, which call for, inter alia:

- Conversion of self-financed state companies to the central funding system;
- Reconsidering the law regarding self-financing company;
- Formation of a joint committee from the Council of Ministers and Parliament to develop appropriate solutions to the obstacles faced by these companies;
- Activation of resolution No. 88 of 2013 by the Council of Ministers, which obliges all state ministries to buy products from the Ministry of Industry and Minerals;
- Implementation of customs tariff laws; protection of national industries; and consumer protection.

I expect your prompt action.

Sincerely yours,



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General Secretary