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Message of Solidarity and Support from IndustriALL Global Union for the Striking Workers at Isdemir and MMK

Dear Brother Gül,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union representing more than fifty million workers throughout the manufacturing chain, including the steel sector, in 140 countries worldwide. We are so proud to have Celik-Is as one of the members of our global union family.

We are closely following your recent strikes at both steel companies Isdemir and MMK in the city of Iskenderun after long standing collective bargaining negotiations failed.

IndustriALL Global Union salutes the strike of 7000 Turkish steel workers who struggle for better working and living conditions, and encourages all its affiliates, particularly in steel sector, to show solidarity with you.

Please accept our heartfelt solidarity greetings for your strike actions, and we are in full support with you. Please know that our global union will continue to do everything in our power to support your struggle.

Live Long International Solidarity!

Fraternally yours,



Jyrki Raina
General Secretary