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## Termination of Employment Contracts of Trade Union Members at FCMP TR Metal in Turkey

Dear David Callendrier and Tahsin Koyak,

I am writing to you on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union, which represents more than fifty million workers throughout the manufacturing chain, including metal sectors, in more than 140 countries throughout the world, to strongly condemn the unfair dismissal of trade union members from Birlesik Metal-Is at FCMP TR Metal in Turgutlu, Manisa, Turkey. The United Metalworkers' Union, Birlesik Metal-Is, is part of this large global union family.

We find it unacceptable that the employment contracts of twenty-one members of Birlesik Metal-Is at FCMP TR Metal in Turgutlu were terminated on 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2012 on account of the so-called economic crisis at the workplace. The dismissed workers have made important contributions to the growth and success of your company.

I urge you to immediately withdraw the terminations of employment contracts of the twenty-one workers and re-instate them immediately to their jobs. In addition, I call upon you to enter into a meaningful dialogue with Birlesik Metal-Is, as the authorised bargaining party, to find a fair solution to any dispute in the workplace. Please, note that our French affiliated trade unions are aware of the situation at FCMP TR Metal, and they also expect a prompt reinstatement of the unfairly dismissed union members.

Sincerely,

Jyrki Raina General Secretary