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IndustriALL Global Union in solidarity with textile, garment, and footwear workers in Italy

Dear Emilio Miceli, Angelo Colombini, Paolo Pirani,

I am writing to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than 50 million workers in the mining, energy and manufacturing sectors in 140 countries, including Italy, to express our full support and solidarity with the struggle of nearly half a million textile, garment, and footwear Italian workers, who will go on a general strike tomorrow demanding the renewal of the national labor contracts.

IndustriALL Global Union fully supports the legitimate demands of the Italian workers calling for the renewal of their national labor contracts, which have now been due for more than ten months, from 2016 to 2019.

IndustriALL Global Union calls on the employers to return to the negotiating table and agree on the renewal of the labor contracts, which should comply with national and international labor standards. It is imperative that employers refrain from trying to impose conditions, such as a wage model that would only contemplate salary increases after the expiration of the three-year contract period, or contractual flexibility, that would seriously impinge on fundamental workers' rights.

We stand firm in solidarity with the 500,000 textile, garment, and footwear Italian workers on their general strike tomorrow, and, in particular, we support the demonstration in Florence tomorrow coinciding with the major Italian fashion event *Pitti Uomo*.

IndustriALL Global Union makes the general strike's motto its own as well: **Workers' Rights are Never out of Fashion!**

In solidarity,



Valter Sanches, General Secretary