IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade Union celebrate metalworkers’ victory in Turkey

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are writing this letter to you on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade Union, both representing millions of workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in Europe and worldwide, to congratulate you and also celebrate the victory of metalworkers in Turkey, who against all odds—including sheer intimidation, threats, and banning of the strike by the Government— and after several strong demonstrations, reached a favorable new sectoral-level collective bargaining agreement, including a 25 percent wage increase along with a series of other achievements.

We congratulate all the Turkish metalworkers on their determined stance in these hard negotiations. Your unity, struggle and determination made it possible for such a great victory.

You have set a great example to the whole world that when you stick together, anything can be achieved. We trust that this unity will be maintained.

Long live international solidarity of workers!

In solidarity,

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