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## IndustriALL Global Union calls for an end to violence and urges government of Eswatini to implement democratic reforms

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you as the new general secretary of [IndustriALL Global Union](https://www.industriall-union.org), representing over 50 million workers in the mining, energy and manufacturing industries in 140 countries. We condemn the violent and brutal attacks against unarmed pro-democracy protesters, and we urge the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini to respect and protect human rights, including the right to life, rights to freedom of expression, assembly, and association, and the rule of law.

IndustriALL Global Union held its third congress, which brought together 3,000 participants online, on 14-15 September 2021. At this congress, delegates from 434 organizations and coming from 111 countries adopted unanimously a resolution, which expresses deep concern about the continuing violence in Eswatini, and calls for democratic reforms in the country.

Furthermore, this resolution demands an end to gross human rights violations and the use of excessive and lethal force against protestors by the police and the army, which has resulted in the death of over 70 people with several others missing. In addition, the resolution calls on the government to facilitate a United Nations investigation into the death of civilians as demanded by trade unions and civil society organizations.

The full text of the resolution is available at  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8dy54t25iisqvo3/AAA0RTGpUDVuKFNBSNEc3EwHa?dl=0>

Yours sincerely,



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