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## Solidarity with KMWU Hyundai Heavy Industries Branch Struggle

The IndustriALL Global Union Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking Sector resolves to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Hyundai Heavy Industries Branch of the KMWU to the end as Hyundai Heavy Branch Chair BAEK, Ho-Seon carries out a nearly 60 meter high-altitude turnover crane sit-in protest amid a full-scale strike in South Korea, and IndustriALL also protests the violence committed by Hyundai Heavy Industries management against union members, and demands measures to prevent recurrence and an apology.

Last year, Hyundai Heavy Industries drew international criticism by mobilizing company security forces to violently attack workers engaged in a legitimate strike, injuring over 20 union members, and fracturing the nose of the Hyundai Heavy Branch general secretary.

This year, the company again turned to violence against workers engaged in a legitimate strike. Company guards struck a woman union member in the face, resulting in her hospitalization.

As a global shipbuilding corporation operating yards not only in Korea but around the world, Hyundai Heavy Industries has an obligation to uphold international labour standards. The repeated use of violence against union members year after year is unacceptable and inexcusable under any circumstances.

In response, the IndustriALL Global Union Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking Sector adopts this emergency resolution condemning the Hyundai Heavy Industries' acts of violence. We call on the Korean government to take stern action regarding this physical assault of union members at HHI. We also call on HHI Corporation to engage in good faith bargaining with the trade union and issue an apology along with a pledge to prevent recurrence.

The Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking Sector of IndustriALL Global Union will continue to stand in solidarity until KMWU HHI Chair BAEK, Ho-Seon comes down from his high-altitude protest, and we resolve to fight to the end against Hyundai Heavy Industries management' senseless violence.