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Violation of Freedom of Association, the Right to Collective Bargaining and the Right to Strike: Official Complaint Against the Government of Turkey

Dear Guy,

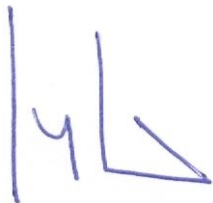
I am writing to you on behalf of IndustriALL Global Union, which represents the collective interests of 50 million workers throughout the global manufacturing industries from more than 700 unions in 140 countries, to express our serious concern over the violations of ILO conventions 87 and 98 by the Turkish Government.

On 27 June 2014, the Turkish Government issued a decree (no 2014/6524) to suspend, on the grounds of "public health and national security" and for 60 days, a major strike in the entire Turkish glass industry which started on 20 June 2014. The decree was based on the article 63 of the act no. 6356 (Law on Trade Unions and Collective Agreements), which allows the government to suspend any strike for 60 days if it is deemed to endanger national security and public health.

On 15 July, our affiliate, Kristal-İş (Trade Union of Glass, Cement and Soil Workers of Turkey) submitted an official complaint against the Government of Turkey upon violation of the right to organise, the right to collective bargaining and the right to strike which are protected by ILO Conventions Nos. 87 and 98. The in-depth information and reasoning you will find in the complaint itself.

IndustriALL Global Union fully supports the above mentioned complaint. We would like to apply to the Committee of Freedom of Association and the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary