

Geneva, 21 May 2014

To: all IndustriALL Global Union affiliated trade unions in
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Serbia
Croatia

Sent via e-mail

IndustriALL Global Union stands in solidarity with Balkan members suffering from historic flood

Dear Sisters and Brothers, leaders and members of IndustriALL Balkan affiliates,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industrial-all-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in 142 countries worldwide, to transmit to you our global family's sincere message of solidarity and support at this sad and difficult time.

We are proud to have six unions affiliated in Bosnia and Herzegovina, three in Croatia and six in Serbia. We know that you all have members in the area affected by the worst floods since records began in the region 120 years ago.

We know that damage is being assessed and urgent relief efforts are continuing, as the water level starts to recede there is still great risk from unexploded landmines left over from the Balkans conflict of the 1990s, as well as from water surges and landslides. The total death count is expected to rise but currently stands at 35.

I wish to extend the collective condolences of IndustriALL Global Union to your members and their communities for the dead. There will be great challenges in rebuilding and repairing the damage that this historic flood has brought to your region. Please tell us how we can come to your aid.

We stand with you in your time of need, dear sisters and brothers. Please count on full solidarity and support from your global union and sister unions from around the world.

In solidarity,



Jyrki Raina
General Secretary