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IndustriALL Global Union Calls on Government of Bosnia & Herzegovina to Address Social Injustice

Honorable Prime Minister Spiric,

I am writing this letter on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than fifty million workers in manufacturing, energy and mining sector in 140 countries worldwide, including trade union organizations in Bosnia & Herzegovina. We are gravely concerned about the economic plight of millions of your country's citizens.

The current social unrest in Bosnia & Herzegovina, as reflected in recent street actions in cities, towns and communities across your country, including Tuzla, Sarajevo, Mostar and Zenica, is in response to an unchecked system of corrupt privatization practices, unparalleled greed by business and the political elites alike, and ill-advised austerity measures by your government, which are all to be blamed for the hardship imposed on the majority of the population.

Hunger, joblessness, and the sheer lack of economic opportunities are bringing more and more of your citizens to the streets. IndustriALL Global Union fully supports citizens and workers in Bosnia & Herzegovina to exercise their right to peaceably assemble and the right to free speech in order to call on your administration to deal with their legitimate demands. It is imperative that the government refrain from the use of force against peaceful demonstrators.

While we are pleased to learn that a number of federal and cantonal public officials have recently resigned, more officials should also resign, especially those have used their positions to enrich themselves.

Furthermore, IndustriALL Global Union urges your government to address this urgent call for fairness and justice for all citizens in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Sincerely,



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