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To the employees of FIAT in Termini Imerese and of IRISBUS in Avellino

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the EMF and its 75 affiliates Europe-wide, I would like to express our support for your fight for the survival of your plants and jobs following the unilateral decision taken by the FIAT management to close down the two plants.

We have been informed that at least 2,200 employees in Termini Imerese and 900 employees in Avellino are likely to lose their jobs if the decision is not reversed.

The EMF therefore fully supports the Italian trade unions' demand for a suspension of the decision and the launch of a proper negotiation on the future of all employees concerned.

We express our full solidarity with you and your families who are going through difficult times and wish you every success in your rightful struggle.

In solidarity,



Ulrich ECKELMANN
General Secretary