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## **In solidarity with metalworkers in Italy**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](#) and [industriAll European Trade Union](#), both representing millions of workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in Europe and worldwide, to express our full support and solidarity with your general strike on 14 June in Milan, Florence, and Naples, calling for a sustainable future for the industry, wage increases, respect of fundamental workers' rights, workers' involvement in decision making over the creation of new jobs and redistribution of productivity stemming from new technologies, fair taxation, social justice, and improvement of health and safety conditions.

We fully support your industrial action in the face of great uncertainty concerning the future of the metal industry in Italy, given decreasing industrial production, loss of the value of work, and the increasing number of accidents and deaths at work. The government and the private sector must meet the challenges by investing in innovation, ecological sustainability, employment generation, and enforcement of stringent health and safety standards. It is also necessary to relaunch the domestic market, which would entail increasing wages, decreasing taxation, and guaranteeing a welfare state.

Therefore, we rally behind you on your struggle to increase employment through public and private investment in strategic sectors, generating quality jobs in an environmentally sustainable fashion. It is also imperative to increase wages and lower taxation, reduce precarious employment, increase workers' representation and collective bargaining power, and reform the Fornero law on pensions.

IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade Union sends our warmest solidarity greetings.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valter Sanches". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

**Valter Sanches**  
**General Secretary**  
**IndustriALL Global Union**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luc Triangle". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

**Luc Triangle**  
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