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IndustriALL Global Union calls on Ukrainian Government to use its influence to restore the situation of 400 unpaid workers at Electronmash in Kiev

Dear Mr Prime Minister,

I am writing this letter to you as the General Secretary of IndustriALL Global Union, which represents more than fifty million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing sectors throughout the world, including in Ukraine to call on you to use your influence to restore the worrying situation of the 400 unpaid workers at the state-owned enterprise Electronmash, in the Svyatoshinsky district of Kiev. Please note that workers of the enterprise are members of Radio Electronics & Mechanical Engineering Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine (REMEWU), an affiliate of IndustriALL Global Union.

According to the reports provided by our affiliate, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine announced in 2018 its plans to privatize Electronmash. IndustriALL Global Union understands that workers own 60 per cent of the company, which is, according to the report, not recognized by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine.

On behalf of the entire labour force, Trade Union Committee made an appeal to the Court, seeking protection of workers' rights. However, without waiting for a court decision, in the morning of 23 July, people in disguise raided the company, breaking down doors, disabling surveillance cameras and alarm system, and illegally entering the company's premises.

Since then, work has been paralyzed and 400 workers remain unpaid. Appeals made by the company administration and the trade union committee to police, prosecutor's office, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine did not yield any result neither stop the raiders.

In addition to national laws, protection of workers' rights against any discrimination as well as combating and preventing criminal and illegal activities, is part of the Association Agreement signed between European Union and Ukraine. Failing to act is now a clear violation of the said agreement.

I also want to pay your attention to the fact that in the absence of necessary action from the Ukrainian authorities, there may be further escalation in the conflict which might result in additional risks for all the relevant parties.

Therefore, IndustriALL Global Union urgently calls on you to exert your influence in order to use your influence to restore the worrying situation of the 400 unpaid workers at the state-owned enterprise Electronmash, particularly making sure that the rule of law is in place and the company becomes operational again.

IndustriALL Global Union anticipates your urgent action.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sanches", is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Valter Sanches
General Secretary

CC: Radio Electronics & Mechanical Engineering Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine