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**We stand by your side in your fight for a national collective agreement!**

Dear Colleagues,

With great concern I read your message about the current state of negotiations in the Italian metalworkers' sector and the 4 hours' national strike planned for tomorrow. Obviously, the employers try to take advantage of the difficult political situation in your country to push back the collective bargaining achievements of your organisations.

You are fully right to stop this demand and to fight against it together with your members.

We fully support this fight of your organisations. Finally, you can only be successful if all Italian trade unions stand together and take a unitary position. Therefore, it is even more important that you know that your European partner unions fully support you. On behalf of 650 000 members of IG BCE I would like to express our solidarity.

In addition, I will ask the secretariat of industriAll Europe to develop a European solidarity campaign to show the employers that their incredible behaviour is observed and fully rejected.

In solidarity,

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President of IG BCE

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