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**To**

Mr Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister, Croatia

**For information to:**

Mr Darko Horvat, Minister of Economy, Croatia

Mr Zvonimir Novak, Assistant Minister, Croatia

Mr Mladen Novosel, UATUC President

Mr Siniša Kosić, SMH-IS President

**Concerns: Uljanik group shipyards workers situation**

Dear Prime Minister Plenković,

We are writing to you on behalf of industriAll European Trade Union, which represents 7 million workers in manufacturing, mining and energy sectors in Europe and the European Trade Union Confederation which is the voice of workers and represents 45 million members from 90 trade union organisations in 38 European countries, plus 10 European Trade Union Federations.

We would like to express our very serious concerns about the workers' situation at Uljanik group shipyards.

Workers haven't been paid in months and can no longer provide their families with basic needs.

The absence of their constitutional and human rights is unacceptable in a 21<sup>st</sup> century European Member State.

We urge you to urgently find a solution for these Croatian workers.

The Croatian Government has the responsibility to ensure that the restructuration is put in place and that urgent solutions are found.

Moreover, the disappearance of shipbuilding in Croatia would have devastating economic and social consequences, including knock-on effects on an entire region.

In order to preserve the industrial wealth of the shipbuilding industry in Croatia and more specifically defend workers' rights at the Uljanik group shipyards, industriAll Europe and the ETUC will work together with SMH-IS and UATUC and will be seeking continuous support from the European Union (EU).

Fully committed to support our colleagues in Croatia in the defense of Uljanik group shipyards workers' interests, industriAll Europe and the ETUC stand with SMH-IS, UATUC and its members and express their wholehearted solidarity with Uljanik group shipyards' workers.

In solidarity,



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General Secretary, industriAll Europe



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