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**To IndustriALL Global Union's Affiliates in Bulgaria**

## IndustriALL Global Union's Solidarity Message with the Bulgarian Affiliates

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industrial-all-union.org), which represents 50 million workers in the mining, energy and manufacturing sectors in 140 countries, as a new force in global solidarity taking up the fight for better working conditions and trade union rights around the world, to express our full support of your struggle against the proposed changes by the Bulgarian government to labour legislation, which would severely undermine long standing rights and protections of workers in Bulgaria.

The proposed new bill submitted to the National Assembly to amend and supplement the Labour Code would impact negatively on the regulations governing employment relationships between employers, workers and supervisory bodies, deregulate even more the labour market, accelerate the development of temporary work agencies and thus increase precarious employment in Bulgaria.

In many countries around the world, workers' rights and safe and healthy working conditions are under attack not only by employers in search of increased profits, but also by governments seeking to deregulate labour markets even more, and make workers pay for mismanagement and the excesses of financial markets.

IndustriALL Global Union pledges its full solidarity with the Bulgarian workers and affiliated trade unions in mobilizing for the respect of their rights and dignity, promotion of safe, healthy and secure jobs, and a sustainable future for industry in Bulgaria. Your fight is our common fight.

In solidarity,



Jyrki Raina  
General Secretary