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## Message of Solidarity and Support from IndustriALL Global Union for the Striking Members of Teksif

Dear Brother Irgat,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org) representing more than fifty million workers throughout the manufacturing chain, including textile and garment sectors, in 140 countries worldwide. We are proud to have Teksif as one of the members of our global union family.

I have just learned that Teksif started to strike on behalf of its members in some thirty major textile and garment enterprises this morning, after the sectorial level negotiations with the Turkish Textile Employers' Federation failed.

IndustriALL Global Union salutes the strike of 12000 Turkish textile and garment workers struggling for decent wages, bonuses and working conditions, and encourages all its affiliates, particularly in textile and garment sectors, to demonstrate support and solidarity to Teksif.

Please know that our global union stands in solidarity with you, and we will continue to do everything in our power to support your struggle.

We know very well that Turkey is one of the most important and strategic countries for the global textile and garment sectors. This is why the success of Teksif in this strike is vital not just for Turkish workers, but also for the rest of the world.

Long Live International Solidarity!



Jyrki Raina  
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