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Oggetto: Reply to Giuseppe Farina, FIM-CISL and Rocco Palombella, UILM-UIL

Dear Giuseppe and Rocco,

Since you wrote to me in the language of Shakespeare, I will reply in the same language, instead that of Dante.

I have read carefully the joint letter that you sent me and discussed with Gianni Alioti yesterday in Geneva. Your letter provides me with useful background information to the unfortunate division that has reigned during the past years between Italian IMF affiliates, which has also made our life complicated, having to try and find a balance between the three unions. Referring to your comments about the national collective agreement, I remember that when we published the news on your bargaining situation a year ago, citing Peppe (see http://www.imfmetal.org/index.cfm?c=21160&I=2), FIOM complained that their views had not been taken into account. And so on.

The division in Italy was not created in Geneva. However, IMF's head office should avoid pouring oil on flames. I therefore apologise for the unfortunate formulations in my letter, which have led to misunderstandings in Italy. I should have thought about the formulation more carefully. Sometimes when you are in a hurry like I often am in my crazy job, you make mistakes.

As regards the dissolution of FLM, I have actually wondered why you didn't do it earlier, as you made a similar change many years ago at the EMF. We will put the dissolution on the agenda for IMF's Executive Committee on 2-3 December 2010 in Geneva.

Obviously, after that the IMF will not have affiliates in Italy, unless you put in applications for individual affiliation. I will send tomorrow a joint letter to FIM, UILM and FIOM, with the application forms. It is clear that the IMF needs the Italian unions in our global family, to promote our goals in areas such as defending trade union rights, working for a fairer globalisation, building trade union networks in transnational companies, and fighting against precarious work.

I know your calendars are as full as mine, but I would be willing to travel to - not to Canossa, but to Rome to meet and discuss with you about our future work, if and when we to manage find a date.

Yours fraternally

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