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Dear comrades, dear friends,

On behalf of the CGT Metalworker's federation executive committee and CGT unions in the metal branch, I would like to express you our strong support to national action day you're organising together for all Italian metalworkers.

Throughout the countries of southern Europe we are seeing attacks on models of social relations, the rights to collective bargaining, and trade unions for the sole purpose of attacking workers' rights. The pretext of austerity policies is that proof of collusion between employers and governments in the questioning of the role of the welfare state. The unions are today last bastion against this coordinated strategy at European level.

This unprecedented attack on the capital over labour does not create jobs; it has for objective to create more inequality, precarity, deteriorating working conditions and lead millions of workers into poverty.

We support collective labour agreements that guarantee purchasing power and good living standards, better working conditions, labour and workers protection and their jobs. This cannot go without a real industrial policy and investments.

FIM, FIOM and UILM Unity of action is a major step and an example for all unions in Europe. It can be the cornerstone of the South labour movement unity and throughout Europe to fight these policies. Only the unity of workers will be the key to success.

You're struggle is our struggle. You can and will count on CGT Metalworkers union's complete solidarity and support.

We wish you the best, success and victories.

In solidarity,

Pour la Fédération des Travailleurs de la Métallurgie – CGT

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