

To

Ukrainian affiliates of IndustriALL Global

Vienna, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

**Re: Solidarity and support for the Ukrainian people and workers from Austrian Production Workers' Union**

Dear colleagues,  
Dear friends,

With great concern and full of empathy we are following the news about the dramatic situation in your country and the escalation of the war.

The Austrian Production Workers' Union in line with the Austrian trade union movement strongly condemns the invasion and the military attack on Ukraine by Russian Army. War and aggression can never be the solution for political conflicts. The territorial integrity and sovereignty of a neighbouring country that is so close in language, tradition and culture must be respected and represents a violation of the UN Charter.

War and occupation destroy jobs, endanger lives and livelihoods, and bring great suffering to workers, their families, and communities. The suffering will also affect workers and people in Russia and Europe when the consequences of the conflict and the sanctions imposed become felt. Dramatic price increases, closure of companies and a deterioration of economic and social situation are these consequences. The fact that thousands of people are taking to the streets in Russia to protest this war shows that many people in Russia do not want such a war either.

We as PRO-GE support the common resolution of our international federation IndustriALL Global and IndustriALL Europe, calling on Russia to stop the attack immediately and withdraw the Russian army from Ukraine and pursue good-faith negotiations.

Negotiations are the only way to achieve lasting security, democracy, respect for human and trade union rights, peace, and prosperity for the people of Ukraine, Russia, and Europe.

We are appealing to the international community, the EU and our government to apply their efforts to mediate for an end of war and provide humanitarian support and offer asylum and support to those that are fleeing from Ukraine.

Our thoughts are with you as our colleagues in the Ukrainian trade unions, and we stand behind you to provide you support in your situation.

In solidarity



Rainer Wimmer  
President