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Dear Valeriy,

I am responding to your letter of 17 April and sending our support and solidarity in your current campaign over pay, prices and funding of the nuclear sector in the Ukraine. It is impressive to see the mobilisation of 12000 nuclear industry workers around the country in the various actions highlighting your union's key messages.

We understand that inadequate funding of the industry and action by the regulator on prices is creating major problems for the sector, leading to pressure on wages and difficulties in the recruitment of qualified staff.

We support your demands that the government should provide clarity on the future prospects of the nuclear industry through a national state plan. It should indicate how it foresees to finance the sector and address and cancel Energoatom's debts. The trade unions should play a full role in the development of this plan.

We also fully support your calls for the National Regulator to adopt an adequate electricity tariff and for better pay for nuclear workers, moving towards European social standards in the nuclear sector.

We hope very much that the prime minister and government respond to your demands within your one-month deadline. If there is no response then we clearly back your plans for further protest action.

Yours in solidarity,



Jan Willem Goudriaan
EPSU General Secretary