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Dear Commission President Mrs. von der Leyen,
Dear Vice-President, dear High Representative, Mr. Borrell Fontelles,

We are concerned about the situation for workers and communities in Ukraine now the financial situation is nearing breaking point. The country has to devote its budget to the war against Russia after the aggression almost 2 years ago and its continuation. This despite calls of the UN and the ICJ for an immediate halt by Russia of the hostilities and withdrawal of its troops.

The need of Ukraine for stable economic assistance from the EU is important. We want to prevent the collapse of the functioning of its public services (like education and health, municipal utilities and public administrations.) We urge you to convince the Council to provide this assistance.

The Ukrainian government should understand that it needs to involve the workers and their unions in the functioning and in the reconstruction of its public services and industries. This is not happening and is a disappointment. We appreciate your insistence on the role unions should play and this especially against the background of the Val Duchesse declaration and process.

Thank you for your continued support for Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

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