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To Wärtsilä Company,

Sirs,

We send you this letter on behalf of the World Federation of Trade Unions which represents 92 million workers in 126 countries all over the world.

We have recently become aware of the unlawful command of your company in its Trieste factory, where your managers launched the transfer of our colleague Sasha Collauti, trade unionist and worker in your factory, from Trieste to Taranto, a distance of 1000 km. It's a decision that forces our colleague to suffer a brutal and unfavorable transfer at the same time that violates and attacks its labor and trade union rights.

We all realize the reasons why you proceeded to this abusive and illegal act. It's not just an inhuman act but it is also clear that your actions constitute an attempt to interfere in the internal trade union affairs.

The WFTU, faithful to the principles of internationalist solidarity and support to any fellow worker persecuted and suffering from the bosses' manipulations, stands by the colleague Sasha Collauti and condemns this illegal transfer. At the same time, we call upon the company's management to immediately withdraw its decision, permitting him to return to his work, in his Trieste workplace.

The World Federation of Trade Unions clarifies that it won't tolerate any intimidation against the workers who are those who produce all wealth. For this reason, in case there is no immediate withdrawal of the transfer against our colleague, we will proceed to demonstrations organized by our unions in every corner of the world, wherever may your Company's branches be: in Greece, Portugal, France, Turkey, Brazil etc, we are going to mobilize our class oriented forces. The international class oriented trade union movement doesn't recognize any intimidation against the workers, wherever it may occur and that's why we demand the immediate cancellation of the transfer.

We assure the USB leadership and all our brothers and sisters in Trieste that the WFTU has all the means and power to drastically act in an international level as well as inside the International Organizations in order to defend the just demand of our colleague.



The WFTU Secretariat