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Solidarity message

On behalf of PRO GE we are just writing to you to express our solidarity with the national demonstration FIOM is going to stage on 16th October 2010 in Rome and send you the greetings of our 250.000 members we represent in the Austrian manufacturing sector.

All over Europe currently a political climate prevails that demands a vociferous and widespread campaign of resistance against attacks on workers' and collective bargaining rights, launched under the pretext to combat the consequences of the recession. The scale of the protest on the international day of workers' action on September 29th showed the preparedness to take action in Europe to stop the attempts to make working people pay for the crisis.

We fully support your actions to defend the national contract, concluded in 2008, and fight against employers abandoning already collectively agreed conditions, thus creating dangerous precedents for employers' associations in other countries to follow.

Therefore you have our sympathy and solidarity for your initiative on October 16th, 2010 to defend and promote workers' and civil rights and democracy in your country and we wish you massive support of your demonstration.

In solidarity,

Rainer Wimmer hon.
President

Peter Schissler hon.
Executive Secretary