



To Sabina Petrucci

International Department FIOM-CGIL

Madrid, 15th October, 2010.

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Federación de Industria de Comisiones Obreras, I would like to express our support and solidarity in relation to the great protest campaign that the FIOM-CGIL is carrying out in Italy in defend of the metalworkers rights.

The different European Union Governments are imposing austerity measures in all the countries. These decisions directly outrage against our system of welfare state in Europe, turning it into not only in a financial crisis but in an ideological crisis, which has been promoted by the financial markets and accepted by our governments.

Unfortunately these measures have involved too that, some governments and some companies are breaching the collective agreements previously signed with the Trade Unions. In these sense, they unilaterally impose these plans without previous negotiation trying to ignore our right to the Collective Bargaining.

The war between the companies cannot be based on the wage cuts, staff cutbacks, or labour law cuts, because this only lead to the weakening, first of each country and finally of the European Union as a whole.

We wish you a great participation and successful tomorrow, in your demonstration of 16th of October, as well as, I send you all our solidarity in this day of action.

In solidarity,

Yolanda Morín Arias
International Secretary