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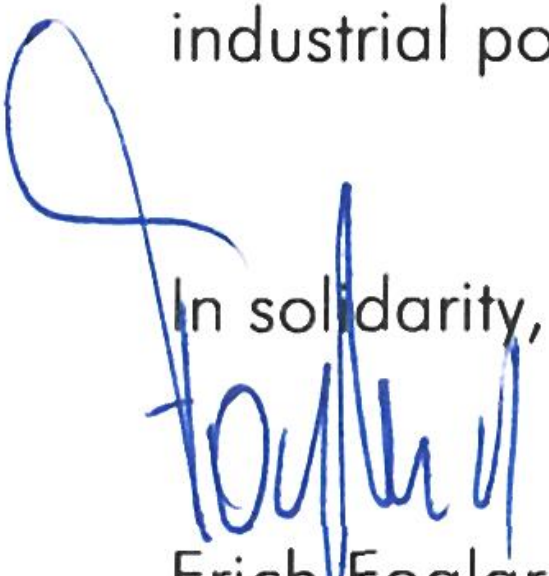
Vienna, 2nd April 2008

Dear colleagues,
dear Sabina,

on behalf of the Austrian Union of Metalworking, Textiles and Food Workers we express to you our solidarity with the Electrolux workers in Florence in connection with the general strike of the Electrolux group employees and the national demonstration in Florence on 4 th April against the announced closure of the site.

We therefore fully support the demands, put forward by the Italian unions, and agree with their call on the management to drop their plans to close the plant in Florence or any other site in Italy and to discuss alternative industrial strategies with the unions in order to reach an agreement which will strengthen the presence of multinationals in Italy and Europe and thus secure workplaces .

In our view, the unilateral decision of the Electrolux group once more underline the need for strengthening workers´ information and consultation rights at European level in order to create better conditions for workers´ representatives and unions to participate in implementing a socially responsible industrial policy in Europe.

In solidarity,

Erich Foglar
President




Manfred Anderle
Senior Secretary

