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Dear companions and colleagues,

The Getronics Italia situation has, despite our efforts, taken a further turn for the worse. During the last meeting at the Ministry for Industrial Activities, the management declared that they did not intend to respect last year's agreement in which they promised to take back on the externalised workers if the operation regarding them should fail. These workers not only are without a regularly wage, but now they are also close to be dismissed. Getronics, moreover, wants to dismiss about 600 of the present work force of the group.

The Italian workers went already on another one-day strike on May 5th and others will follow.

Fim Fiom Uilm and the National shopstewards Committee decided on May 23th a protest in Amsterdam at the main Getronics N.V. building.

We have informed the European Institutions in Bruxelles about the Italian situation and, if it is possible to organise it, some European M.P.s will take part in the protest.

We are convinced that the Corporate's decision, to sell the Italian company by the end of 2006 and to proceed immediately to lay off hundreds of workers, must be rejected.

In Italy, the Corporate is operating without any sense of social responsibility: they shared and culpably supported the mistakes of the Italian management, which led to the heavy financial losses, and now they want let pay all the costs of their mistakes to the workers.

The Italian central and regional Governments and the local institutions declared their willingness to support plans to save Getronics Italia and re-launch the group, but the management refuses to discuss anything except redundancies..

We are convinced that the choice of Getronics to sell the Italian daughter company maintaining at most a minority of participating share, is a dangerous precedent for all the other countries in which the Corporate is present.

On the occasion of our protest in Amsterdam we ask you to have a meeting with the E.W.C. which has shown concern and solidarity throughout the whole.

We thank you on behalf of the Italian workers of Getronics and invite you to contact Renato Vicano and Pasquale Ascione to work out the details of the meeting.

Regards.

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