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## **SOLIDARITY WITH SHIPYARD WORKERS IN TUZLA**

***Dear Colleagues,***

We have been informed by the European Metalworkers' Federation (EMF) of a 24 hour sit-down strike and a commemorative ceremony that DISK is organising on 27 February to protest against poor health and safety conditions at Tuzla shipyards near Istanbul, which have during the past eight months caused the death of 18 workers.

Already in December LIMTER-IS told a visiting European trade union delegation about the dreadful conditions in Tuzla. We heard that workers have no job security and have difficulties in organising themselves in trade unions. Frequent occupational accidents leave workers injured or crippled, and many can't benefit from medical services due to lacking social security coverage. Employers and authorities are not doing anything to improve the situation.

Dear Colleagues, on behalf of Nordic IN's 22 affiliated unions representing 1.2 million workers in metal, chemical, paper and textile industries in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Iceland, we express our full support to your unions' demands for decent working conditions for Tuzla shipyard workers. Employers have to ensure that shipyard operations are organised in a safe way, and government authorities have to monitor this, and guarantee workers the possibility of joining a union and defending their rights.

We know that our global and European federations IMF and EMF are working on support action. As part of this, we will be looking at possibilities to send trade union and health and safety experts to help you in Tuzla.

*Yours Fraternally,*

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