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To the President of GMTN
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cc General Secretary EMF
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The Fiom-Cgil expresses its solidarity to the demonstration called by the 5 Austrian trade unions (GPA-djp, GMTN, Chemie, GBH and vida), under the slogan "We will not forget that which we are entitled to", to fight for fair wages and collective agreements. We strongly believe that collective bargaining - that is to day under attack all over Europe - is Trade Unions' main task and the first and most important tool for workers to affirm their rights: fair wages and fair working conditions. Crisis cannot be fought with wage dumping: on the contrary the purchasing power must be reinforced.

All over Europe Companies who have been taking high benefits and profits in the last few years, are now trying to charge the economic crisis on workers' shoulders and for this reason they are trying to weak as much as possible their right to collective bargaining and the right to get concrete results from it.

As Fiom-Cgil we are supporting the 5 Austrian Trade Unions demonstration and all their efforts in order to achieve fair results in the collective bargaining process. We wish to all of them to achieve finally these results: it will be helpful also for all the European workers!

In solidarity

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