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The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, 152, South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi – 110 011.

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Sub: Global Day of Action, 18th February, 2015 in defence of the RIGHT TO STRIKE ON 18th FEBRUARY, 2015.

Hon'ble Sir,

The world's employer groups are now trying to kill the Right to Strike which has been powerful and fundamental foundation of democracy and economic justice. Now they want a global workforce that is powerless and passive. Some 90 countries have it enshrined in their national constitutions, putting the rights established over many decades at the International Labour Organization (ILO) which is a United Nation (UN) one of the tripartite bodies. Employers group in ILO is trying to turn back the clock on over 50 years of international legal recognition of the right to strike as fundamental legal right.

It is really shocking state of affair that India is one of Government which do not support referral of the matter to the International Court of Justice within the ILO Rule which says that when employers, workers or Government cannot settle any dispute at the ILO itself then the International Court of Justice (ICJ) must be asked to rule on the dispute which is being unfairly and unethically oppose by employer groups. It is un-thoughtful that INDIA being the largest democracy of Globe will behave in the most totalitarian of dictatorial manner to deny right to struke.

The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) has designated 18th February, 2015 as a "Day of Action" to defend the "Right to Strike". It has been supported by various employees' global trade union facilities including the IndustriALL, Global Union, the largest centre of 500 Million Members spread over in 140 countries engaged in coal / mining, energy, chemical, industries. The IndustriALL G.U. has called upon its affiliates across the globe to participate in Global Day of Action in defence of the Right to Strike on 18th February, 2015.

The 88th meeting of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) held at Bhopal Madhya Pradesh on 6th and 7th February, 2014 through an unanimous resolution appeals of the Government of India to support the workers issue for existence of the "Right To Strike" under convention 87 and its referral to the International Court of Justice.

Thanking you,

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Secretary General – INMF(INTUC)

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General Secretary – ITUC, Brussels (Belgium)
General Secretary – IndustriALL Global Union, Geneva (Switzerland)
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