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Al Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri Prof. Mario DRAGHI
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Al Ministro della Transizione Ecologica Prof. Roberto Cingolani
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Calling on the **Government of Italy** to ensure a **Just Transition for workers**

Dear Mr Draghi, Dear Mr Cingolani,

I am writing to you as General Secretary of Uiltec/Uil

On the occasion of COP26, [IndustriALL Global Union](#) and [industriAll EuropeanTrade Unions](#) have adopted a [joint declaration](#) demanding the parties negotiating the implementation of the provisions of the Paris Agreement to implement their commitment to Just Transition into concrete actions on the ground.

Collectively IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade Union represent 50 million workers in industry, energy, mining and manufacturing sectors. Our members are at the forefront of the transition and they need to accelerate the speed of decarbonising energy use and processes, introduce new technologies and digitalise.

Over the past 2 years of the pandemic, existing trends have been further accelerated impacting the workers, due to restructuring processes, increasing precarity and even poverty.

At the same time, the workers that we represent are not only the victims of the transition, they are also crucial actors within the transition process as they design and manufacture many of the technologies and equipment needed in a world moving to net-zero emissions.

IndustriALL Global Union and industriAll European Trade unions and their collective members support global climate ambition and they call on global leaders to ensure a Just Transition for workers.

That is why it is our common demand to give workers a seat at the table, to base the transition process on a strong fundament of social dialogue with workers and to grant workers the fundamental rights to organise, the right to negotiate collective agreements and the right to strike if collective agreements and social dialogue processes are being undermined. Over the last century

and a half, trade unions have achieved tremendous success in ensuring strong health and safety regimes, decent pay and decent working conditions and respect of fundamental and human rights.

It is our responsibility that trade unions continue to play their pivotal role in ensuring quality jobs and democracy at the workplace. It is the responsibility of the parties negotiating within the UNFCCC process to talk to trade unions and to involve them as active participants in the transition processes.

Therefore, **Uiltec/Uil** calls on the **Government of Italy**, as a party of the Paris agreement to take concrete action to implement “*the imperatives of a Just Transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities*”.

Uiltec/Uil urges the **Government of Italy** to assume leadership within a strong Just Transition framework based on the ILO Just Transition Guidelines.

At this very important moment of global climate negotiations, we are pleased to share with you our [declaration](#) and trust that you will do your utmost to let words be followed by actions!

Yours sincerely,

General Secretary

Paolo Pirani

