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To: Mr. Aleksander Lukashenko,
President of Belarus

Dear President Lukashenko,

With this letter, on behalf of ITUC Pan-European Regional Council, I would like to express my deep concern regarding the persisted reality of suppression the trade unions in Belarus and the latest fact of intimidation of the `Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions` (BKDP) and `Radio Electronic Industry Trade Union` (BNP) serves as additional demonstration to that. Arrests of the REP chairman, Hienadz Fiadynič, and his deputy, Ihar Komlik is a continuation of this grave tendency that is unacceptable for every civilized society. Moreover, in line with general approach of the authorities, methods used are violent and according to the information available, the law enforcement agencies used excessive force to break into Unions' offices and confiscate financial documentation and other property of the organization.

I call on you to use every lever as the president of the country, in order to seize persecution of free trade unions and adopt urgent measures to ensure normal conditions for the work of trade union organizations and their activities.

Sincerely,

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