

João Antonio Felicio

President
Président
Präsident
Presidente

Sharan Burrow

General Secretary
Secrétaire générale
Generalsekretärin
Secretaria General

Mr Mikhail Shmakov

President
Federation of Independent Trade
Unions of Russia (FNPR)

Mr Boris Kravchenko

President
Confederation of Labour of Russia (KTR)

By e-mail

PERC/AL/pw

Brussels, 29 February 2016

Dear Mikhail, dear Boris,

I am writing to you in connection with the tragic accident at the “Severnaya” mine in Vorkuta, where 36 workers died as a result of a set of explosions last week.

The health and safety of workers, particularly of those operating in dangerous conditions, should be the first priority of any employer, but too often we see that human lives are sacrificed for higher profits. This is absolutely unacceptable, and this accident should be thoroughly investigated and those responsible for it brought to justice.

On behalf of the ITUC, please convey our feelings of deepest solidarity and sympathy to the families and colleagues of the victims.

In Solidarity



General Secretary

