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Dear Prime Minister,

We are shocked to learn from the IUF that five union activists from the Glodeni Sugar Plant “Glodeni-Zahar” face prison sentences of between 3 and 8 years for trying to secure wage and benefit arrears owed to the workers. Workers at the plant have not been paid their wages and benefits since June 2009. Defending wages and benefits against theft is not a crime!

On behalf of the Pan-European Regional Council (PERC) of the International Trade Union Confederation, which represents 176 million workers in 301 affiliated national organisations from 151 countries and territories, we urge your government to act to resolve this conflict by ensuring that all wages and benefits owed to the workers are paid without delay, in compliance with the ILO Convention No. 95 Protection of Wages ratified by the Republic of Moldova.

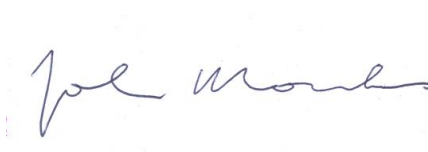
The criminal charges against Vasiliu Guleac, Valentina Semeniuc and activists Anatolie Furtuna, Fiodor Svoevoln and Victor Colibaba must be immediately and unconditionally dropped.

We urge you to take immediate action and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: - Mr Oleg Budza, President, CNSM  
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