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Dear Brother Manolov,

On behalf of the ITUC, I would like to express our solidarity with the national protest actions that the labour confederation Podkrepa is organising today. We join you in your demands for fair fiscal policies, for a properly funded education system and healthcare system, for adequate remuneration for night and overtime work and for support to poor citizens who cannot afford to pay energy bills. The Bulgarian National Assembly that meets this week should listen to the voice of workers and their unions and make sure that the state budget for 2020 adequately finances public services and meets the social needs of citizens. It is also unacceptable that employers are seeking to revise the sick leave regulations and basically punish workers for getting sick.

We fight for decent work, fair wages and income distribution, and quality public services everywhere in the world. Your anger with politicians and the rich is well understood and shared by millions of ITUC members. We wish you success, and are certain that together – in Bulgaria, in Europe, and in the world – organised workers' power will change the rules and make our economies and our political systems serve the people.

Yours in solidarity,



General Secretary