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Dear Brother Zavadil,

### **ITUC Support for CMKOS Protest Action on 21 May 2011**

The ITUCs wholeheartedly supports the protest action of the CMKOS “Open your eyes” against the dubious reform package it is going to introduce. These reforms will deprive citizens from decent health and social care, the already low pensions will be endangered by the risks of the financial markets and workers will lose lunch and other benefits.

These measures will only serve the elite of the country, will raise inequalities and will increase poverty. The government had been decreasing social contributions for years and now, when it lacks funds, it is going to put the burden on the shoulders of ordinary people.

This is simply not acceptable. The citizens have to be aware what this government would like to do and what it will bring to them. The well-chosen motto of your action “Open your eyes” is indeed what millions of people need to do today, in your country and around the world, - to open the eyes and to take actions against the policies that serve the rich only.

Please, convey our deepest solidarity to all those who are acting together with CMKOS today.

Wishing you the best of success for your action, we remain

Yours sincerely



General Secretary