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Non-payment of wages at Selidivugilly Cie.

Dear President,
Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the ITUC, which represents 202 million workers in 163 countries and territories and has 331 national affiliates, I would like to express our deep concerns about the situation in the SE "Selidivugillya" company (Donetsk region).

We have been informed by our affiliate the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine (KVPU) that on 14 February a protest rally took place near the administrative building of the SE "Selidivugillya". Miners and members of their families demanded that the salaries owed to the miners be paid. The miner salaries' arrears are approximately 213 million UAH. (The general debt in all the coal industry is 945 million UAH – more than twice the monthly wage fund). At some mines of the SE "Selidivugillya", miners have not been paid their salaries for work in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The non-payment of wages is unacceptable and is a serious violation of the ILO Convention 95 on protection of wages. We express our full support for the protesting workers and urge you to intervene to ensure that salaries are paid in full without any further delay.

Yours sincerely,



General Secretary

cc: KVPU