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**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
Dr.sc. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister**

Subject: World Day for Decent Work 7 October 2008

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With the aim of returning the dignity to labour and workers, in line with the International Labour Organization Decent Work Agenda adopted in 1999, International Trade Union Confederation, Global Progressive Forum, Social Alert and Solidar as well as the European Trade Union Confederation formed an Alliance for Decent Work which has been running the campaign (World Social Forum, Nairobi, Kenya) for marking the **7 October 2008 as the World Day for Decent Work. Decent Work is based on the conviction that all four components are needed to create the best prospects for social progress and development: employment, rights, protection and dialogue.** The objectives of the campaign are the following:

- Raising awareness on decent work among citizens, policy makers and key institutions;
- Emphasize that the decent work is the only sustainable way out of poverty and a key for building democracy and social cohesion;
- Integration of decent work in the core of developmental, economic, commercial, financial and social policies at the national, European and international level.

In solidarity with workers around the globe, **the Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia**, as a member of the International Trade Union Confederation and European Trade Union Confederation, has actively joined this campaign, within which through different activities it wants to contribute to the realization of the mentioned objectives. Among other things, the UATUC will organize a round table ***Decent Work for Decent Life*** where we will present the results of the survey that is being carried out by the UATUC with regard to working conditions of workers in Croatia.

Following the conclusions of the UN World Summit held in September 2005, where the leaders of 150 countries committed to responsible national and international policies in order to achieve full and productive employment and the achievement of decent work, we are determined that Croatia too, as a member of the International Labour Organization, should actively work towards meeting the objectives of the ILO Decent Work Agenda. The aim of each government should be to enable each and every worker a job which can enable him/her and his/her family a decent life and meeting of their basic human needs, ensure complete respect of workers' rights and social protection and safety, as well as the creation of more and better jobs. Decent work is also the best method of fighting poverty also in Croatia where at the moment there are around 700 000 threatened citizens.

The Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia hence urges the Government of the Republic of Croatia to become actively involved in marking of the World Day for Decent Work and by taking adequate actions contribute to raising awareness on the need to return dignity to work and workers!

Yours respectfully,

**UATUC President
Ana Knežević**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ana Knezevic', written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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