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Dear Mr President,
Dear Mr Prime Minister,
Dear Head of the Supreme Council of Ukraine,

On behalf of the Pan-European Regional Council (PERC) of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), we would like to express our extreme concern about the situation with the wage arrears of miners in the state mines of Ukraine and the protest at Mine "No. 9 Novovolynskaya".

We have been informed by Mr Mikhail Volynets, chairman of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, and Mr Vasily Gura, chairman of the Primary Trade Union of the Independent Union of Miners of Mine "No. 9 Novovolynskaya", about the protests of miners in Ukraine in connection with their unpaid wages. In this regard, the protests at Mine "No. 9 Novovolynskaya" have been running for 10 days. Earlier, the wave of strikes covered the state enterprises "Selidovugol", "Pervomayskugol", "Mirnogradudol" and "Lvovvugol". Many miners quit because of the non-payment of wages, thereby increasing uncontrolled migration to European countries.

At the same time, Mr Volynets has informed us about the arrears owed to the miners of Ukraine, which, taking into account the accrued wages for August, amount to UAH 930 million.

Also, we have taken into consideration the appeal of the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine to ILO Director-General Guy Ryder and the ILO Committee of Experts on violation of Convention No. 95 in connection with the wage arrears to different categories

of employees in the amount of UAH 2.78 billion.

Considering the above, we urge you to take all necessary measures to comply with international norms and standards in Ukraine, to pay the back wages and to prevent corruption in state-owned coal enterprises, which in many ways is the cause of delays and non-payment of wages.

Yours sincerely,



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