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Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

On 22nd October 2018, 67 trade union members belonging to flight attendants' and pilots' trade unions in LOT (and affiliated to OPZZ) were dismissed on disciplinary grounds due to their participation in an industrial action. The industrial action was organised as a result of the dismissal of the President of a flight attendants' trade union and to protest against the precarious working conditions of all flight personnel.

On behalf of the ETUC, I express my strongest disapproval of this decision and of the way in which the company's management and its CEO are treating trade union members. Trade union rights, including the right to strike and social dialogue, are core values of democratic societies. Moreover, the right to strike and social dialogue are protected by core ILO conventions and standards.

Given that the company is controlled by the Polish State, victimisation of trade union members in LOT is even more disappointing.

I call upon you to reinstate social dialogue and to protect trade union rights in LOT.

Expressing my solidarity with victimised workers, I believe that dialogue is the only way to solve the conflict in the company and conclude the industrial action. I believe that LOT, being one of the oldest airlines in the world, should be a company where workers are treated with dignity and respect, and trade union rights are respected.

Yours sincerely
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