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Dear Madame President,

The International Metalworkers' Federation has learned that following a peaceful protest outside of the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) approximately 20 members of the Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation Workers Association (TMPCWA) were arrested and are currently being detained in a jail somewhere in Manila.

We have received reports that the president, Ed Cubelo, of the TMPCWA is among those members arrested. The IMF is deeply concerned about the safety and welfare of these trade unionists whose right to freedom of association is protected by internationally recognized labour and human rights.

We urge you to resolve this matter quickly and call on your government for the immediate and unconditional release all of those unjustly jailed.

Yours sincerely,

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