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Dear President

Italian workers and the entire population of Turin, Italy are mourning the tragic loss of four workers who lost their lives in the horrific incident at the ThyssenKrupp facilities in Turin. News of the lack of basic safety precautions at the site, including malfunctioning safety equipment and an emergency telephone, and the systematic use of excessive overtime has shocked us all.

As a representative of the metalworkers in Italy and of the world I feel that my place today is among those who are demonstrating in Turin to protest against the working conditions that have caused this terrible tragedy. For this reason I will not be participating in the supervisory board meeting scheduled for today.

At this point the cause of the tragedy still has to be verified and the judicial and technical investigation ordered by the authorities will give an answer in due time. However, this will take a long time. In my view this will take much too long to help us to take the necessary measures to prevent such an incident from happening again at the TK plant or elsewhere.

For this reason I request that TK immediately set up a special internal commission to investigate the causes of the accident in order to quickly take all necessary measures to prevent a repeat of this tragic event.

The commission should be led by an impartial person and should include representatives of the trade unions and the workers at the plant. Furthermore, the commission should start working immediately and report to the workers and their representatives before the end of January 2008. Additional resources, both financial and personnel, should be allocated to the commission of sufficient and adequate quantity from the company.

I also take for granted that the company will take care of all the costs related to the funerals of the victims, and provide compensation to their families. In my view the company should also commit itself to guarantee the future education of the children of the victims.

For the workers injured during the incident I also take for granted that no means will be spared to make sure that they will have the necessary health care covered by the company and also adequate compensation for the families.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcello Malentacchi', written in a cursive style.

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