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Dear Sisters and Brothers, Dear Brother Berthold Huber

As you're through your warning strikes, please receive the solidarity of the Brazilian metalworkers.

The transnational corporations that have profited like never before in the last years, through flexibilization, rationalization, downsizing, outsourcing, dislocation to "low cost" regions and countries and precarious work in general, think they've found the excuse they were praying for: the conjunctural global financial crisis.

Of course the workers know how serious it is, but they also know that the best way to fight the nasty effects of the crisis is distribution of wealth through increase in wages. That's why IGMetall's demands are more than fair.

The standards and the struggles of the IGMetall are always the good examples we all try to follow. We wish you a successful Tarifikampf!

We'll inform the workers (especially the ones at German companies) about your struggle and ask them not to accept any extra production that could eventually harm your strike. You can count on the 1,2 million metalworkers we represent.

Your struggle is our struggle!

In Solidarity,

Carlos Alberto Grana
President

Valter Sanches
General Secretary